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Choctaw-Chickasaw Duplicates

Nesmith - Spring, Olive A.

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On the 54 rolls of this microfilm publication, M1650, are reproduced applications for enrollment in the Five Civilized Tribes under the act of June 10, 1896. These applications, housed in the National Archives-Southwest Region, Fort Worth, Texas, were maintained by the Muskogee Area Office and are part of Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Record Group 75.

Background

On March 3, 1893, Congress authorized the establishment of a commission to negotiate agreements with each of the Five Civilized Tribes--Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole. The Dawes Commission, named for its chairman, Senator Henry Dawes of Massachusetts, undertook the compilation of a complete Indian census that could be used as the basis for the allotment of tribal lands to individual Indians.

Prior to 1896, the tribes exercised sole jurisdiction over tribal citizenship, but in that year Congress passed an act allowing the Commission to hear and "determine the applications of all persons who may apply to them for citizenship and...determine the right of such applicant to be admitted and enrolled." The Dawes Commission issued notices on July 8, 1896, announcing that it would accept applications for citizenship until September 10, 1896. The application had to be a signed and sworn statement containing all the facts supporting the claim, and the applicant had to provide proof that a copy had been furnished to the tribal chief. Congress required the Commission to make its decision within 90 days of receipt of the application and authorized an appeal process through the recently established U. S. Court in Indian Territory.

The application and appeal process had been underway for two years when Congress passed the Curtis Act on June 28, 1898, (30 Stat. 495). The act authorized the Commission to prepare for each tribe new citizenship rolls that incorporated names

of successful applicants. This "Final Roll" became the only roll used for allotment purposes.

Records Description

This microfilm publication comprises the applications for enrollment of Cherokees, Chickasaws, Choctaws, and Creeks, as well as those of former slaves (freedmen) of the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes. The National Archives has not located any Seminole applications. Applicants to the Commission included Indians by blood; spouses of Indians, although the spouses themselves were not Indians by blood; and freedmen who had formerly belonged to members of the Five Civilized Tribes.

When they were in active use, most applications were filed numerically according to application numbers assigned by the Commission. Applications from Chickasaw and Choctaw freedmen were filed separately from those of other applicants for citizenship in the two tribes. The Commission maintained some applications, called Choctaw-Chickasaw Duplicates, in alphabetical arrangement. Despite their title, these files do not duplicate any of the applications filed numerically.

To facilitate access to the numerically-filed applications, the Commission prepared several indexes. These have been consolidated into one index and are reproduced on roll 1 of this publication.

Typical application files include supporting affidavits, depositions, letters, memorials, answers of tribal attorneys objecting to enrollment, lists of evidence, and receipts for service of papers. Also included are notices of appeal to the U.S. Court in Indian Territory at either South McAlester or Ardmore and a reference to the case number assigned by the court. While several files contain only a receipt for papers signed by the Clerk of the U.S. Court, a few files document in greater detail the applicant's life. Occasionally there are marriage licenses, photographs, and judgments issued by the U. S. court. Some records provide background information on the applicant including name, post office address, age, degree of blood, lists of children and their ages, and other relatives. Every

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document within the application files has been microfilmed.

On the last roll of microfilm are miscellaneous files and applications that were received too late for consideration. These records are not included in the index on roll 1.

Related Records

Related records are found in other series within the Bureau of Indian Affairs, RG 75. The Final Rolls, also known as the "Dawes Rolls," have been reproduced as Enrollment Cards for the Five Civilized Tribes, 1898-1914 (M1186). These enrollment cards include both individuals with tribal citizenship before 1896 and those who were approved for citizenship by the Dawes Commission. The applications for enrollment on the Final Rolls have been reproduced as Applications for Enrollment of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, 1898-1914 (M1301). Records relating to enrollment and allotment for the Five Civilized Tribes, including appeals to the U. S. Court in Indian Territory and cases heard before the Choctaw-Chickasaw Citizenship Court in Tishomingo and McAlester, are housed at the National Archives-Southwest Region (entries #60A-101, and 114-126). Related records for the Five Civilized Tribes are housed at the Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City.

Meg Hacker wrote these introductory remarks and prepared the records for filming. Volunteers at the National Archives-Southwest Region created the consolidated index.

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Nesmith, Benton,
~~Nesmith, Nancy,~~
Bangs, Iowa,
Bangs, G. W.,
Cotton, Bertie,
Cotton, D. B., (dead)
Nesmith, Thomas M.,
Forkner, Lucy,
Forkner, J. W.,
Nesmith, Lee,
Nesmith, Mattie,
Cotton, Minnie,
Cotton, E. W.,
Nesmith, Haldee,
Cotton, Cora,
Cotton, D. O.,
Bangs, Claude,
Bangs, Myrtle,
Bangs, Birdie,
Bangs, Henry,
Bangs, Lucy,
Bangs, Bobby,
Bangs, Leonard,
Bangs, Kelly,
Cotton, Jennie Lind,
Forkner, Julia Lee,
Forkner, Willie M.,
Nesmith, Bogie,
Nesmith, Henry,
Nesmith, Grace,
Cotton, Hester,
Cotton, White,

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIAN TERRITORY,
AT ARDMORE.

Benton Nesmith, et al, Plaintiffs,)
- vs -) APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.
Chootaw Nation, Defendant.)

The Chootaw Nation, or its attorneys of record, are hereby notified that the applicants and plaintiffs in the above styled action, will, on the 11th day of January, 1897, file in the Clerk's office of the United States Court for the Southern District of the Indian Territory, at Ardmore, their application for an appeal from the judgment of the Dawes Commission in passing upon the application of the above styled parties.

(Signed.) A. C. Cruce,

Attorney for applicants.

We hereby accept service of the above and foregoing notice, this the 6th day of January, 1897, not waiving objection to jurisdiction of U. S. Court at Ardmore.

(Signed.) Stuart, Gordon & Halley,

Attorneys for Chootaw Nation.

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIAN TERRITORY,
AT ARDMORE.

Benton Nesmith, et al, Plaintiffs,)
- vs -) APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.
Choctaw Nation, Defendant.)

APPLICATION FOR APPEAL.

The plaintiffs would respectfully represent that, on on the _____ day of August, 1896, they filed their application with the Dawes Commission, asking that they be enrolled as members of the Choctaw tribe of Indians, and with the said application, filed divers and sundry affidavits and other proof of their citizenship; that said application was numbered by the Dawes Commission, and is known on the books kept by said Commission of applicants against the Choctaw Nation as No. 930; that on the 2nd day of December, 1896, the Dawes Commission passed upon said application and affidavits thereto annexed, and rendered a judgment therein, denying each and all of the plaintiffs their right to citizenship in said Nation; and these plaintiffs, feeling aggrieved at said judgment, are desirous of appealing same, for a reversal of said judgment, and they therefore present this petition as their application, asking for an appeal from said judgment, and asking that this Court hear and determine these plaintiffs right to citizenship in said Nation, and asking this Court to order the Clerk of this Court to order and direct the said Commission to forward and send to this Court the complaint of these applicants and all affidavits and proof of every kind introduced by these applicants, as well as the answer and all proof introduced by the said Nation, together with a copy of all orders and judgments of every kind entered by said Commission in said case.

(Signed) A. C. Cruce,
Attorney for plaintiffs.

Indian Territory, }
Chickasaw Nation. }

BENTON NESMITH, upon oath, says that he is one of the applicants and plaintiffs in the within styled cause, and that the statements made in the foregoing application for appeal are true.

(Signed.) Benton Nesmith.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 7th day of January, 1897.

(Signed.) T. B. Johnson,

Notary Public Southern
District.

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The Clerk of this Court will issue the order herein asked for, directing the said Dawes Commission to forward and send up the papers and judgments herein asked for.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, This 7th day of January, 1897.

(Signed.) C. B. Kilgore,

J u d g e.

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIAN TERRITORY
AT ARDMORE. *no number 610-*

Benton Nesmith, et al,

versus

APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

Choctaw Nation.

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A. C. Cance

Attorney for Applicants.

We hereby accept service of the above and foregoing notice, this, the 6th day of January, 1897, not waiving objection to jurisdiction of Court at Ardmore.

Alvin Gordon Hardy

Attorneys for Choctaw Nation.

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Before the Hon. James
Commission

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In Re, Benton  
Nesmith, et al  
Application for cit-  
izenship in the  
Choctaw Tribe  
of Indians

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attys for Applicant

To the Deaf Commission :

In the matter of Benton Nesmith, Iowa Bangs and G. W. Bangs, her husband, Gladys Bangs, Bertie Bangs, Birdie Bangs, Henry Bangs, Lucy Bangs, Bobbie Bangs, Leonard Bangs and Kelley Bangs, their children; Bertie Cotton, and Jennie Lind Cotton, her daughter; Thomas M. Nesmith; Lucy Forkner, and J. W. Forkner, her husband, and Julia Lee Forkner, William M. Forkner, their children; Lee Nesmith, and Mattie Nesmith, his wife, and Bogie Nesmith, Henry Nesmith and Grace Nesmith, their children; Minnie Cotton, and W. W. Cotton, her husband; Hattie Nesmith; Cora Cotton, and D. B. Cotton, her husband, and Hattie Cotton, and White Cotton, their children.

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The Deaf Commission.

The applicants would respectfully represent and show to this Commission that Nancy Brasiers is now dead, but was a Choctaw Indian by blood; that she was duly and lawfully married to Zacariah Roberts, and that she was dead, unto them the issue of said marriage, among other children, a girl, named Nancy Roberts; she is now dead; but she was duly and lawfully married to Alexander Nesmith, and had by said marriage, among other children, the applicant Benton Nesmith; that the said Benton Nesmith was duly and lawfully married to Elizabeth J. Bond, and had by said marriage eight children, of one name are the applicants, Iowa Nesmith Bangs, Thomas M. Nesmith, Birdie Cotton, Hattie Nesmith, Lee Nesmith, Lucy Forkner, Minnie Cotton, and Cora Cotton; all of whom are now living, and live in the Indian Territory, Chickasaw Nation, and have been so living for about twelve years; that the applicants Bertie Cotton was duly and lawfully married to D. B. Cotton, who is now dead; but that she had one child, the issue of said marriage, whose name is the applicant, Jennie Lind Cotton; that the said D. B. Cotton had been previously married, according to the laws of the Chickasaw Nation, to one Susan E. Harlowe, who was a Choctaw Indian by blood; and that by reason of said marriage, and

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WHEREFORE, They pray that they be enrolled as members of the Choctaw tribe of Indians by this Commission, and for all other proper relief.

A. C. C.  
Attorney.

Attorney:



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INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
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... of the applicants  
... preceding ap-  
plicant ...

Signed E. H. Cotton

... on the  
...

Charles L. Johnson

(Seal)

INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Chickasaw Nation. )

The affiant, Benton Nesmith, says that he is 68 years of age and is living in the Indian Territory, Chickasaw Nation, where he has lived for nine years; he says that he is the son of Alexander Nesmith and Nancy Nesmith, his wife, and that they are both now dead; that his said mother, Nancy Nesmith's maiden name was Nancy Roberts, and has been dead now for about twenty years; he says that she showed the Indian blood in her very plainly, and looked to this affiant very much like an Indian, although he does not know the amount of Indian blood she had; that the said Nancy Roberts, the mother of this affiant, was a daughter of <sup>Zacharias</sup> ~~Isaac~~ Roberts, who was married to one Nancy Brashers; he says that he has eight living children, whose names are Iowa, who married one G. W. Bangs; Bertie, who married one D. B. Cotton; Thomas M. Nesmith, unmarried; Lucy, who married one J. W. Forkner; Lee Nesmith, who married one Mattie Reed; Minnie, who married one H. W. Cotton; Raidee Nesmith, unmarried; Cora, who married one D. O. Cotton; that G. W. Bangs and wife have eight children, named Claude, Myrtle, Birdie, Henry, Lucy, Bobbie, Leonard and Kelley Bangs; that D. B. Cotton is dead, and left one child, whose name is Jennie Lind Cotton; that J. W. Forkner and wife have two children, whose names are Julia Lee Forkner and Willie M. Forkner; that Lee Nesmith and wife have three children, whose names are Bogle, Henry and Grace Nesmith; that D. O. Cotton and wife have two children, whose names are Hester and White Cotton; and that all of said parties are now living in the Indian Territory, Chickasaw Nation. He says that his daughter, Bertie Cotton, as has E. W. and D. O. Cotton, all have lands improved in the Chickasaw Nation, and are holding same as members of the Doctaw tribe of Indians, and their rights to so hold same as members of the said Doctaw tribe of Indians have never been disputed in any way.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
September 7, 1896.

(Seal)

*Benton Nesmith*  
Chas. L. Johnson  
Notary Public.



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INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Chickasaw Nation. ) ss.

The Affiant Bertie Cotton says that she is thirty-five years of age, and that she is a member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians both by blood and intermarriage; that she was duly and lawfully married to one D. B. Cotton in 1891, and had by him one child, whose name is Jennie Lind Cotton; that the said D. B. Cotton is now dead; she says that the said D. B. Cotton had been previously married and has five living children by his first wife, whose names are M. W. Cotton, D. O. Cotton, Isabel Frost, Rufus P. Cotton, Robert Leonard Cotton; she says that she has understood ever since she was married to the said D. B. Cotton that his first wife was a Choctaw Indian by blood; she says that she has been occupying land in the Indian Territory as a member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians, and has tenants on the same, which said tenants have been permitted under her, and that her rights to use and enjoy same have never been disputed in any way.

Signed Bertie Cotton

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Bertie Cotton on this the  
7th day of September, A. D., 1898.

Lehas L. Johnson

Notary Public.

(Seal)

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INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Chickasaw Nation. } ss.

The affiant E. W. Cotton says that he is thirty years of age and now lives in the Indian Territory, where he has lived all of his life. That he is the son of D. O. Cotton, who was duly and lawfully married Susan L. Johnson; and that Susan L. Johnson was a true Indian by blood; and that she and his father were married in the Indian Territory, according to the Chickasaw laws, and were married by Silas H. Smith, District Judge of the Indian Territory; that he has been previously married in the state of Texas, and remarried according to the Indian law, as aforesaid when he was about two or three years old; he says that his name as is also his mother's, E. W. Cotton's name, and in that all of his brothers are on the Choctaw rolls of citizens; all of whom have drawn their proportional part of the annuity money paid to the Choctaw Indians, and that none of their rights as Indians have never been disputed in any way; and that the affiant is a Choctaw Indian by blood; he says that he was duly and lawfully married to Cora Smith, and is now living with her in the Indian Territory, Chickasaw Nation; and has been using land all of his life, and recognized as a member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians; that his brother, D. O. Cotton, was duly and lawfully married to Cora Smith, and is now living with him, and have two children, named Hester and White Cotton, and that he has been enjoying all the rights and privileges of an Indian citizen and has been recognized as such all his life.

Signed - E. W. Cotton

Subscribed and sworn to before me by E. W. Cotton this the 7th day of September, A. D., 1898.

Leban L. Johnson

Notary Public.

(Seal)

**History**

1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

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Signed Frank T. Apaloo

Florence B Douglas m. 1/1  
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1893, *Chas. L. Johnson*

(Seal)

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Chickasaw Nation, )  
Ind. Ter. )  
Third Judicial )  
District. )

This day came before me, the undersigned authority, Sam Perry,  
to me personally well known, and after being first duly sworn by me, de-  
poses and says: I am about 84 years of age; my postoffice is Wiley, Ind.  
Ter.; I knew Turner Breashears, and knew that he was a Choctaw Indian by  
blood; I know Turner Breashear's daughter, Nancy Breashears. The Brea-  
shears have, to my knowledge, always been recognized as Choctaw Indians  
by blood. I have no interest in the claim of any of the parties named  
above. (signed) his SAM X PERRY

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 4th day of Sept. 1898.  
(signed) R. F. FRENCH,  
Notary Public.

My commission expires Nov. 16, 1898.



**End**

C. v. Neukirchner

C. v. Neukirchner



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The Dawes Commission  
Venita, J. J.

Your undersigned petitioner would respectfully represent, that she is a white woman by blood and lives at Emet, Ind. Ter. - That on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1893 she was married to John A. Durant of Durant Ind. Ter. a Choctaw Indian by blood and duly registered and recognized as such. That said marriage was performed at Durant I. T. by J. P. Dennis a regularly ordained minister of the gospel. That by said marriage she complied in every respect with the marriage laws of the Choctaw Nation. That she lived with her said husband untill his death which occurred on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1894.

Therefore she prays that her name be enrolled with the intermarried citizens of the Choctaw Nation so she may participate in all the rights privileges and annuities granted them under the treaties.

Affiant further states that since the death of the said John A. Durant she was married

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to H. A. Neukirchner a white  
man, Dec. 20, 1895, and is  
still living with him as his  
wife.

H. A. Neukirchner

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 3th day of  
September 1896.

W. L. Peale M. D.  
Circuit Judge U. S. C.



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## Marriage Certificate.

Dumont. Ind Ter. Oct. 15. A.D. 1893.

Be it known unto all  
that it may concern:

That this is to certify that  
I John P. Dennis a minister of the  
gospel have this 15th day of October  
A.D. 1893, duly and according  
to the law of the Indian Territory  
united Mr. J. A. Dumont of Dumont  
I.T. aged 35 years and Mrs. C. V.  
O'Brien of Dumont I.T. aged 25  
years in the holy bonds of  
Matrimony this 15th day of October A.D. 1893.  
at Dumont Indian Territory

John P. Dennis.  
Minister of the gospel.



Witness:

J. R. Robinson  
Sarah Robinson.

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## Affidavit of Witness.

In the matter of the Claim of C. V. Newkirkner  
to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation

Indian Terr.   
Cent. Ind. Dist. 

Before me H. L. Poole a notary  
public in and for the Cent. Ind. Dist.  
Ind. Terr. personally appeared Sarah Robinson  
who being duly sworn deposes & says:  
My name is Sarah Robinson, my post office is  
Derrant, Ind. I know C. V. Newkirkner and I  
knew John A. Derrant. C. V. Newkirkner  
was formerly C. V. O'Brien. John A.  
Derrant and C. V. O'Brien were married  
October 15th 1893. at Derrant Ind. by  
Rev. J. P. Dennis. I saw the ceremony per-  
formed. John A. Derrant was a  
Choctaw Indian by blood, duly  
registered as such. I lived neighbor  
to John A. Derrant and his wife  
C. V. Derrant until the death of John  
A. Derrant. C. V. Derrant has mar-  
ried N. J. Newkirkner a white man  
since the death of Derrant.

Sarah Robinson  
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this Sep. 5th 1896.

H. L. Poole n.p.  
Cent. Ind. Dist. Ind. Terr.

*Affidavit of Witness.*

*In the matter of the claim of C. V.  
Newkirkner for citizenship in  
the Choctaw Nation.*

*Indian Territory SS  
Central Ind District*

*Before me H. L. Poole a notary public in  
and for the Cent. Ind. Dist. I. D. personally ap-  
peared Sarah Powell who being duly sworn  
states: I know C. V. Newkirkner and  
I knew John A. Dismant. John A.  
Dismant and C. V. Dismant were married  
Oct. 15/893. I lived neighbor to them during the  
lifetime of John A. Dismant. John A. Dismant  
was a Choctaw Indian by blood, duly registered  
as such, and drew money from the United  
States at the last payment. Since the  
death of John Dismant, C. V. Dismant has  
married H. A. Newkirkner a white man.  
My last name is Dismant I. P.  
Sarah Powell*

*Witness: Teresa Conley*

*Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 5th day of Sep. 1896.  
H. L. Poole N.P.*



**End**

Helen U. Newton

#261.

Court no. 11

Helen U. Newton

Newton Helen V.  
Newton Isaac M.  
Newton Daniel S.  
Newton Clarence C.  
Newton James L.  
Newton Eva L.



To the Court  
# 1103. - 2. That  
showing  
Newton

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Paper showing Helen V. Newton  
and all other writing names

No. 11

No. 11

Helen V. Newton et al

VERSUS

Charles H. Newton

Copy of Order of Court.

F. B. STONER, Clerk.

By

Deputy.

SEP 27 1897

COPY OF ORDER OF COURT.

United States of America,  
INDIAN TERRITORY, ss.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT in the Indian Territory, Central District, at a  
term thereof begun and held at South McAlester, in the Indian  
Territory, on the 26th. day of August, A. D. 1897;  
Present, the Honorable Wm. H. H. Clayton,  
~~CHIEF JUSTICE~~ Judge of said Court.

The following order was made and entered of record, to-wit:

Helen V. Newton et al.

vs

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Judgment.

Choctaw Nation.

On this 26 day of August 1897, this cause came on to be heard  
upon the pleadings and the evidence produced herein, and the court be-  
ing well and sufficiently advised in the premises doth find that Helen  
V. Newton, and her four minor children, to-wit; Daniel S. Newton, Clar-  
ence C. Newton, James L. Newton and Eva L. Newton are Choctaw Indians by  
blood and are residents of the Choctaw Nation Indian Territory and  
that all of said persons are entitled to be enrolled on the citizen-  
ship roll of the Choctaw Nation and as such citizens they and each of  
them are entitled to all the rights, privileges benefits and immunitie  
s of Choctaw citizens of said ~~Choctaw~~ Nation, and all such rights and  
privileges are hereby decreed to them. It is further ordered and de-  
creed by the court that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of  
Indians shall place the names of Helen V. Newton and her four minor  
children to-wit; Daniel S. Newton, Clarence C. Newton, James L. Newton,  
and Eva L. Newton on the roll or rolls prepared or to be prepared by it  
of the citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

It is further ordered by the court that the clerk of this  
court transmit under his official seal to the said Commission for the  
Five Civilized Tribes of Indians a true copy of this judgment which  
said certified copy shall operate and be taken as a mandate from this  
court to said Commission.

It is further ordered and adjudged by the court that the  
plaintiffs have and recover of and from the Choctaw Nation all their  
costs in this behalf expended.

THE WITHIN IS A TRUE COPY from the Record of an Order made by said Court  
on the 16 day of August, A. D. 1897.

E. J. Fannin  
Clerk.

No. 11

Abel Newton et al.

VERSUS

Charles Fannin

Copy of Order of Court.

P. B. STONER, Clerk.

Deputy.

By

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Application of  
Helen V. Norton  
for enrollment  
as member of the  
Choctaw Tribe of  
Indians.

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Wm. C. L. L. L.  
Atty. for Petitioner.

Before The Hon. Commission to  
The Five Civilized Tribes.

Application of Helen  
V. Newton for Citizenship  
in Choctaw Tribe of Indians

To the above named Hon. Commission:

Comes now your petitioner  
Helen V. Newton, and makes this her  
application to be admitted and enrolled  
as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of  
Indians, and as grounds for said  
application, respectfully states and  
alleges.

That your petitioner  
Helen V. Newton, is forty years old,  
and her Post Office is Citra, Choctaw  
Nation, Ind. Ter. and that she is  
the wife of Isaac M. Newton, that

your said petitioner is the daughter  
of James B. Jones and Mary Ann  
Jones, and that the said James B.  
Jones is the son of William and  
Vivsey Jones. Your petitioner's father  
says that the said William Jones  
was, during the year 1833 and long  
prior thereto, an acknowledged and  
recognized member of the Choctaw  
Tribe of Indians of the Half-Blood

and that - The said Vicky Jones  
The Grand mother of said petitioner  
was a member of the Choctaw Tribe  
of Indians of the full-blood.

Your petitioner further says that,  
according to her best knowledge,  
information and belief, The said  
James H. Jones and William and  
Vicky Jones were enrolled as citizens  
of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and  
that they enjoyed all the rights  
and privileges of members or citizens  
of said Tribe.

Your petitioner further  
says that she has four living chil-  
dren by her lawful husband  
Leaac M. Newton, to wit:

Daniel A. Newton aged 18 years

Clarence B. " " 9 "

James L. " " 7 "

Eva L. " " 3 "

Wherefore The petitioner considers  
your petitioner prays that she and  
her said minor children be  
admitted and enrolled as mem-  
bers of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.  
H. V. Newton.

I, Helen V. Newton, the above named  
petitioner, do solemnly swear that the  
matters and things set forth in the forego-  
ing application are true.  
H. V. Newton.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 20th day of August 1896. J. T. Gardiner

My official term expires  
20th day of Jan. A.D. 1900.

Notary Public.

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June -  
Helen O. Newton

Affidavit of  
Isaac Williams

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Indian Territory,  
Southern District } SS

In re Helen V Newton

Personally appeared before me James  
Hardy, a Notary Public for the Southern District  
Indian Territory, Isaac Williams who being  
by me first duly sworn on his oath says. My  
name is Isaac Williams my birth place is  
Woodford, Pickens Co. S.C. I will be 94 years  
of age next Christmas day. I was born a slave  
all my life, but am too old to work any more and  
I have lost my eyesight. I became blind about  
24 years ago. I was born near Pontotoc Mississippi  
and I lived there until I was about 21 years old.  
I lived in Mississippi until the Indians  
sold their land there, and this land here was  
given to them. I acted as Interpreter when  
the Land Agents were bargaining with the Indians  
for this land. I am a colored man and  
was owned during slave times by Marcus  
McGhee. Marcus McGhee was a white man.  
He raised me. His wife was a full blood  
Chickasaw Indian. I speak both the  
Chickasaw and Choctaw languages. I came  
to this country when the Chickasaws left  
Mississippi. I was employed by the moving  
agent Col. Repshaw to act as Interpreter.  
I came to this country with the Indians  
when they moved West.  
I know Helen V Newton the wife of

Isaac M. Newton - They live near Stonewall  
Ct. - Helen must be about 33 or 34 years  
old - I have known her since she was a  
small baby - She was born in Arkansas -  
Her maiden name was Jones - Her father's  
name was Jim Jones - I know Jim Jones  
the father of Helen & Newton (nee Jones) in  
Mississippi - Jim Jones is dead now -  
Jim Jones was a 1/4 Choctaw Indian  
his mother was a full-blood Choctaw  
Indian - I know William Jones and  
Vicky Jones the father and mother of James  
B. Jones - They are all dead now - After  
Mr. Jones and his wife Vicky moved to this  
country I never saw them but once, James  
B. Jones and his wife Mary Ann, the father  
and mother of Helen & Newton (nee Jones)  
moved to Mulberry County Choctaw  
Nation when the Choctaws and Chickasaws  
emigrated from Mississippi - Just before  
the Choctaws and Chickasaws emigrated  
to this country from Mississippi a roll of  
the citizens was made - To the best of my  
recollection this was in about 1822, or 1823  
I was a slave then and do not know  
whether or not my name was on the roll  
but I know that the names of Mr. Jones  
and his wife Vicky Jones the grandfather and  
grandmother of Helen & Newton were on the  
roll - Helen's father James B. Jones was enrolled  
as a Choctaw Indian - Now I know that James  
B. Jones name was on the roll is that he drew



and and money the same as the Indians -  
Mary Ann Jones the mother of Helen V Newton  
was a white woman - Helen V Newton (nee Jones)  
is dark complexioned, and has high cheek bones  
she appears to be an Indian - Her physical  
appearance and make up clearly show that  
she is an Indian by blood - I met James  
R Jones shortly after the war - He died some  
where in Marshallville County, Choctaw  
Nation - James R Jones was recognized  
by all the Indians as a Choctaw citizen  
and I never heard of his Indian citizenship  
being questioned by any body - James R  
Jones the father of Helen V Newton (nee Jones)  
was a three fourths Choctaw Indian  
and his mother was a full blood Choctaw.  
I know Squire Wolf and Mahomedy  
Williams - They are both old colored men  
They moved to this country from the old  
Indian Country in Mississippi. We all  
came together - James R Jones and his wife  
Mary Ann Jones the father and mother of  
Helen V Newton (nee Jones) all moved to this  
country at the same time - Squire Wolf  
and Mahomedy Williams know the family  
history of Helen V Newton.

Isaac <sup>his</sup> Williams  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of August 1896

James Hardy  
Notary Public

Seal

In M  
Helen V. Newton

Affidavit of  
S. P. Perry.

Copied -

Southern District

Ind. Ter.

In re the application  
of Helen V. Newton  
for admission to citizenship in the  
Choctaw Nation.

Affidavit of J. B. Perry

Before me  
The undersigned Notary Public, in  
and for the district and territory  
aforesaid, personally appeared J. B.  
Perry, who after being by me duly  
sworn, states that he is eighty  
four years of age, and his P. O. is  
Hills, Ind. Ter. and that he is a  
citizen of the Choctaw Nation and  
recognized as such.

Affiant further states that he is  
personally acquainted with Helen V.  
Newton, the wife of Isaac M. Newton,  
and that he has known her for  
about 30 years, and also known  
her father, Jim B. Jones and her  
mother Mary Ann Jones. I first  
became acquainted with them in  
the old Choctaw country Pontotoc Co.,  
Miss. I came to the Ind. Ter. from  
Miss in 1832 or 1833, with the sec-  
ond emigration of Indians from  
that country. Our agent was  
Col. Upshaw. Jim B. Jones and his



wife came with the third emigra-  
tion. I think they came to Skully-  
ville Co. Choctaw Nation.

There were three children in family,  
Helen V. Frank <sup>and Josephine</sup> Jones.  
Helen V. is now the wife of L.M.  
Newton. Her father Jim B. Jones  
was a three fourths Choctaw Indian  
and I believe he was enrolled  
as a member of the Tribe, because  
I know he drew land and money  
with the other Choctaw Indians.

I knew the Grand father and  
Grand mother of Mrs. Newton, but  
was not very well acquainted  
with them. From the looks of her  
Grand father I took him to be a  
full blood Choctaw. and her Grand  
mother was a full blood Choctaw.  
The mother of Mrs. Newton was a  
white woman. I do not know  
whether her father and mother are  
living or not. I saw them in this  
country several times before the  
war. Helen V. Newton shows to be  
at least three eighths Choctaw Indian.

Affiant further states  
that he is in no way interested  
in the application of Helen V. Newton.

Witness

S. P. <sup>his</sup> Perry.

T. R. Nunnichett.

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Sworn and subscribed

to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1896.

My official term expires 24 day  
of Jan. A.D. 1900.

J. T. Gardner  
Notary Public.

In re-

Helen v. Weston

Affidavit of

N. M. Gass

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Wm. Cooney

Atty. for Petitioner

None in all Indian Territory

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1890

Personally appeared before me the undersigned  
 Authority, W. M. Gage, and after being by me  
 duly sworn on his oath states that he is 37  
 years old and his job office is Stonewall  
 N. Y., that he is a citizen of the United States  
 Nation by blood and enjoys all the rights  
 and benefits of an Indian.

And benefits of an Indian. Affiant further says that he is personally acquainted with Helen V. Newton the wife of Isaac W. Newton that she has four living children claimed by her said husband to wit:

Daniel Newton aged about 13 years

Clarence C Newton / after about 9 years

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And Geo L. Newton aged about 3 years

Affiant further says that he has been  
 personally acquainted with Mrs Newton  
 for about 8 months and knows that she  
 has been and is recognized by her neighbors,  
 acquaintances and the public generally  
 as being of an admixture of white and  
 Indian blood of some description

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this the  
1st day of Sept. 1896 C. C. O'Neil

J. C. Chapman

Notary Public

Me and for the third Judicial Division of the Eastern  
Territory



**End**

James B. Nichols

Court no. 96

Dates no. 1918

James B. Nichols

Nichols James Bruton  
Nichols Nancy Caroline  
Nichols John William Bethuel  
Nichols Mary Della May  
Nichols Nannie Velma



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James B. Nichols and family  
APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

FILED BY  
Wm. R. Pyeatt  
Clerk Ind. Ter.  
Attorneys for Applicant.

# APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

United States of America, Indian Territory, ss.

THE HON. HENRY L. DAWES, CHAIRMAN DAWES COMMISSION, VINITA, I. T.

Your petitioner, the undersigned, being duly sworn on his oath, respectfully states that his name is Paul Benton Nichols, age 47 years.

Post office address Spokane, W. T. and that he is entitled by his wife, Mary Caroline Nichols by intermarriage to citizenship in the Indian Territory for the following reasons:  
I am the great grand child of John Harper who was a Shawnee Indian and intermarried to Nancy Ann Ellis in 1786. At this marriage seven children were born, William Houston, Abby, Delitha, Nancy, Greenham, George and Elizabeth. At this marriage, Delitha Harper (who is my mother) intermarried to Wilson G. Nichols about the year 1832. At this marriage, 12 children were born, City Wilson, James Benton (myself), Green, William, Nelda, Eliza Jane, Mary Caroline, Sarah Ann, William Houston, David Clark, Nancy Ann, Thomas Parker and Josephine Ellen.

Of these children I am the one child and was intermarried in Pope County, Arkansas, on the 28th day of March 1873, to Nancy Ann, my present wife and from our marriage we have (3) children to wit, John William Nichols, Mary Della May, and Nannie Metuca, all now living and I declare to be my lawful children.

That said family and relationship consists of the following named persons: My wife,  
Hannah Nichols age 58 years, and (3) children, as follows:  
1st William Nichols age 22 yrs, 2nd Mary Ann  
May age 12 yrs, 3rd Hannah Nichols age 6 yrs  
(All surviving) And relations as above enumerated.

And respectfully asks to be enrolled, together with each member of his family, as a member of  
the Cherokee Indians in the Indian Territory.

Your petitioner states the above facts as the lawful grounds of his application for cit-  
izenship in the said Cherokee Nation, and prays that his claim may be investigated by  
your honorable body and that he be adjudged to be a citizen of said Cherokee Nation  
of Indians and entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to such citizenship in accordance  
with the laws and treaties made with the said Nation of Indians.

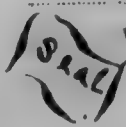
WITNESS my hand, on this 6th day of August 1896.

Witnesses:

James Bruton Nichols

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 6th day of  
August 1896, and I certify that the said James Bruton Nichols is a  
responsible and creditable person worthy of belief, and that I am not interested in the matter to which this  
relates.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office on this 6th day of Aug, 1896.



W. G. Hain

Notary Public

My Comm. Expires June 21-1899

So. Dist. Okla.



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Affidavit of

*Arthur Gust*

Witness in Claim of

*August B. Nichols and family*

for citizenship in *Cherokee* Nation

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

STATE OF Ind. Cir.  
COUNTY OF Ch. & Dist.

COUNTY OF CLATSOP STATE OF OREGON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared James P. Wilson, who after being duly sworn states that he is 31 years of age, and is a citizen of the U. S. County and State of Ore. Cal. and that James P. Wilson is personally acquainted with James P. Wilson Who is an applicant for citizenship in the U. S. Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that, the said James P. Wilson is the identical person James P. Wilson represents himself to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation and that

[illegible]

Affiant further states that he has known the said James Bruton Henricks for the past many years and knows that he is, and has been recognized and treated by the community and the public generally as a person having sound mind

neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person having Indian  
Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said  
indicate that the said Applicant is of Indian

blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to [redacted] by [redacted] indicate that the said [redacted] has ever

by the said James K. Nichols Assistant States Attorney has ever  
reason to believe, that the said Applicant is of Sho-tan Indian blood.

reason to believe, that the said *John A. Smith*  
Affiant further states that *he* he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of  
the said *John A. Smith*.  
*Pike* and further states that the said *John A. Smith* is not a citizen of the United States,  
as he is only reputed and recognized to be a Native American Indian.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of Aug A. D., 1896 and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Edmund and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

W. G. King Notary Public.

that I am well acquainted with the person or persons named above,  
to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

Notary Public.

My Commission expires on 21 day of June 1891, c. Dist. 254.

James Nichols  
To  
Nancy Guest.

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J N R Hurdlow in acting Justice  
of the Peace in and for the County  
of Pope in the State of Arkansas  
do hereby certify that on the 9th day  
of March 1873 at (in) the County of  
Pope, I did duly join in marriage  
James Nichols, aged 20 years<sup>and</sup>  
Nancy Guest aged 17 years both of  
the County of Pope and State of  
Arkansas, and there and then declare  
them to be husband and wife,  
Given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1873.

W. R. Hurdlow J. P.  
Filed<sup>and</sup> recorded in my office this  
14<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1873.  
Elijah H. Fox,  
Clerk

State of Arkansas  
County of Pope }<sup>ss</sup>

J. J. P. Maurine

Clerk of the County Court within<sup>and</sup>  
for the County<sup>and</sup> State aforesaid  
do hereby certify that the above and  
 foregoing is a true and correct  
copy of a certain marriage as shown  
by record "D" page 319. in my  
office.

Witness my hand and official seal  
this 10th day of August 1896  
(Seal) J. D. Maurming  
Clerk.

James Nichols

To

Nancy Grest.

Affidavit of  
Barthunia Cooper  
J. B. and Orrin Nichols.

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This affidavit is also  
relative to the application  
of  
Orrin M. Nichols and  
family - Office No. 6.

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Indian Territory } On this the 5<sup>th</sup>  
County of Pickens } day of Sept. 1894  
before me C. D. Link a notary  
Public within and for the county  
and state aforesaid, personally  
appeared Barchenia Cooper who  
being duly sworn states as follows  
I am 90 years old and live near  
Cannache, I. T. I am the widow  
of William Cooper who lived<sup>and</sup>  
died in Pope County, Arkansas  
about the year 1866. I was mar-  
ried to William Cooper in the  
county of Perry and state of  
Tennessee in the year 1824.  
I know that my husband  
William Cooper was a lawful  
son of John Cooper, who was  
son of Henry Cooper. John  
Cooper lived and died in Perry  
county, Tennessee about the  
year 1839, and who was called  
and was a Choctaw Indian

I know Delitha Cooper  
who married Wilson Nichols  
in Murry County, Tennessee  
about the year 1830, and know  
that she, Delitha Cooper, now

Nichols was a lawful daughter  
of John Cooper who lived <sup>and</sup>  
died in Perry County, Tennessee  
about the year 1839, and who  
was called and was a Choctaw  
Indian. I know J. B. Nichols  
and Orin Nichols who now live  
at Camanche, I. T., and know  
that they are the lawful sons  
of Delitha Nichols, formerly  
Delitha Cooper, who was sister  
to William Cooper, who lived  
in Tennessee and later in Arkan-  
sas and who died in Pope Co.  
Arkansas about the year 1877.  
I further know that J. B.  
Nichols <sup>and</sup> Orin Nichols of  
Camanche, I. T., are related by  
blood to Isaac Cooper, Susan  
Cash, William Cash who was  
called and was Choctaw Ind-  
ians, and I have no interest in  
the matter to which this evidence  
relates and do so certify.

Witness

Barthenia <sup>nee</sup> Cooper  
matt

A. J. Peck

H. H. Pigg

Chickasaw Nation } Subscribed and  
County of Pickens } sworn to before  
me a Notary Public within and  
for the County and State of Georgia  
this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1894.  
I certify that the affiant is a  
respectable and a creditable person  
and that I have no interest in the  
matter in which this evidence  
relates.

Witness my hand and seal on this  
5<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1894.

{Seal}

C. S. Link  
Notary Public.



**End**

Orrin M. Nichols

Court no 96

Docket no. 1418

Orrin M. Nichols

Nichols Orrin Mabery  
Nichols Amanda Melvina  
Nichols James Willis  
Nichols Maggie May  
Nichols Mettie Myrtle  
Nichols Lona Atta



Orin M Nichols

To

Mandy M Skelton

received 2 pages 201 of "The  
Records in my office,  
Hudson my hand and official  
at this 10" day of August 1896  
J. D. Manning  
To him

Copy

State of Arkansas }  
County of Pope }

To any person

authorized by law to solemnize  
marriage - You being:-

You are hereby commanded to  
celebrate the Rite and publish the  
Banns of matrimony between  
Mr Orin M Nichols of Moreland  
Township in the County of Pope  
and State of Arkansas, aged  
twenty four years, and Miss  
Mandy M Skelton of Moreland  
Township in the County of Pope  
and State of Arkansas, aged 18  
years, according to law, and do  
you officially sign and return  
this license to the parties herein  
named,

Witness my hand and official  
seal this 18th October 1878

A. J. Boyliss, Clerk

State of Arkansas }  
County of Pope } I. J. W. Suggs  
do hereby certify that on the 20th  
day of October 1878, I did duly  
and according to Law as  
commanded in the foregoing

license solemnize the Rite and pub-  
lish the Banns of matrimony  
between the parties therein named  
Witness my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
October 1878. J. H. Ansgar, J.P.  
Filed October the 21<sup>st</sup> 1878 and recorded  
March 10<sup>th</sup> 1879.

A. J. Boyless  
Clerk

State of Arkansas, J. I. B. Mowring  
County of Pope Clerk of the County  
Court aforesaid do hereby certify th  
at the above and foregoing is a  
true and correct copy of a certain  
Marriage License as is shown by  
Record C page 287 of Marriage  
Records in my office;

Witness my hand and official  
Seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896  
(Seal) J. I. B. Mowring  
Clerk.

Orin M Nichols

To

Mandy M Weston



"Copy"

Affidavit of  
Edward Gust

Witness in Claim of

Orvin M. Nichols and family

for citizenship in the State of New York

# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

STATE OF Cal.  
COUNTY OF San Diego

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared Arthur E. Gust, who after being duly sworn states that he is 37 years of age, and is a citizen of Cal. County and State of Cal. and that he is personally acquainted with Orin M. Nichols and family Who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Orin M. Nichols is the identical person. he represents himself self to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation and that

the said Orin M. Nichols is the legal and lawful husband of his present wife, Ananiah Rebecca Nichols, whose maiden name was Stetson, of the marriage of said children were born to wit, James Miles, Maggie May, William Myrtle, and Lona Alta, all of whom are now living and I know to be the legal and lawful children of the said Orin M. Nichols and his wife Ananiah Rebecca Nichols, I know the said Orin M. Nichols to be the lawful son of Delitha Nichols formerly Delitha Cooper and daughter of John Cooper and sister to William Cooper.

Affiant further states that he has known the said Orin M. Nichols for the past 41 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Orin M. Nichols indicate that the said Orin M. Nichols is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to he by the said Orin M. Nichols Affiant states he has every reason to believe that the said Orin M. Nichols is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Orin M. Nichols to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T. Affiant further states that the said Delitha Nichols and her brother William Cooper were commonly reputed and recognized to be of Choctaw Indian blood.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of Aug A. D. 1896 and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Arthur E. Gust and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

My Commission expires on 21 day of June 1897, So, D. R. S. 24,

(Seal)

H. G. Wines Notary Public.

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Office No. 66

*Ernest H. Nichols and family*  
APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

FILED BY  
*Wm. T. Ryall*  
*Sealer* Ind. Ter.

Attorneys for Applicant.



## APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

United States of America, Indian Territory, ss.

THE HON. HENRY L. DAWES, CHAIRMAN DAWES COMMISSION, VINITA, I. T.

Your petitioner, the undersigned, being duly sworn on \_\_\_\_\_ oath, respectfully states that \_\_\_\_\_ name is \_\_\_\_\_, age \_\_\_\_\_ years.

post office address \_\_\_\_\_, and that \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ and his wife \_\_\_\_\_ by an marriage entitled by \_\_\_\_\_ to citizenship in the Indian Territory for the following reasons:

That we is a Grand Child of John Cooper who was a Choctaw Indian and who intermarried to Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ (1822). Of this marriage (17) children were born William Hamilton, Sally, Delitta, Henry, Greuberry, Narciss and Elizabeth. Of these children Delitta who is my mother intermarried to John E. Nichols about the year 1832. Of this marriage (12) children were born, Abby Wiley, James Hamilton, John Moberg, Hulda, Elizabeth, Mary Caroline, Mary Ann, William Hamilton.

John Mark, Laura Ann, Thomas Parker and Josephine Ellen. Of these children I am the 3rd child and was intermarried to my present wife Amanda M. Nichols whose maiden name was Kilton, in Pope County Arkansas on the 20th day of October 1878.

From our marriage we have (4) children. James Willis, Maggie May, Willie Myrtle, and Lona Alta, all now living and I declare to be my lawful children.

3<sup>rd</sup> Mutu Myrtle, age 7, 4<sup>th</sup> Lona Ulla age 3,  
Relationship as above enumerated.

And respectfully asks to be enrolled, together with each member of his family, as a member of  
the Choctaw Indians in the Indian Territory.

Your petitioner states the above facts as the lawful grounds of his application for citizenship in the said Choctaw Nation, and prays that his claim may be investigated by your honorable body and that he be adjudged to be a citizen of said Choctaw Nation of Indians and entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to such citizenship in accordance with the laws and treaties made with the said Nation of Indians.

WITNESS my hand, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Aug

Witnesses:

Orin Mabery Nichols

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1896, and I certify that the Orin Mabery Nichols is a responsible and creditable person worthy of belief, and that I am not interested in the matter to which this relates.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1896.

W. M. Hiram  
Notary Public  
So. Dist. Ind.

My Comm. Expires June 21-1897

Affidavit of  
Melvin Story Sr.

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This also applies to  
Case of Rebecca Brown  
and Cooper.

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State of Arkansas } Personally  
County of Pope } appeared before  
me Melvin Story

or, well known and testified as  
following: That I was well  
acquainted with John Cooper  
and Delitha Cooper who was a  
lawful daughter of the above  
named John Cooper; and I  
further know that the above  
named John Cooper was called  
a Chactaw Indian; and I further  
know that William Cooper was  
a lawful son of John Cooper.  
I further know and testify  
that I know that Minney Sanders,  
James Nichols and Orin Nichols  
are lawful heirs of Delitha  
Nichols formerly Delitha Cooper.  
And I further certify that I  
know Rebecca Brown who was  
a lawful daughter of William  
Cooper and William Cooper was  
a lawful son of the above named  
John Cooper and I so certify  
that I have no interest in the  
prosecution of the above cause,

Melvin <sup>his</sup> Story At.  
made.



Sworn to before me this the 10<sup>th</sup>  
day of October A.D. 1895

J. B. Mauniny  
Co. Clerk

(Seal)



Officiated by  
Melvin Story Sr.

This also applies to  
Law of Rebecca Brown  
and Cooper.

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Affidavit of  
Raymond E Livingston  
J B & OM Nickes  
vs  
Choctaw Nation

This aff. is also applicable  
in case of James B.  
Nickes & family - (v. R.)

Sept 21

United States of America, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial  
Division, Southern District, and in  
the Indian Territory.

J. B. and O. M. Nichols } Affidavit of  
vs. } Hyram E.  
Choctaw Nation } Livingston  
Before me J. L. C.

I, a Notary Public in and for  
the District and Division aforesaid  
personally appeared Hyram E.  
Livingston, who being by me  
first duly sworn testified in  
relation in to citizenship of J. B.  
and O. M. Nichols;

My name is Hyram E. Livingston  
my age is 85 years and post-  
office address is Camanche I.T.  
I know John Cooper who lived  
and died in Perry County, Tennessee  
about the year 1839. I further  
know said John Cooper to be  
called and was a Choctaw Indian  
and know that he married an  
Indian woman and spoke the  
Choctaw language.

I know Isaac Cooper who  
lived in Perry County, Tennessee  
about the year 1829, I know

that the said Isaac Cooper was called and was Choctaw Indian, and know that he married Choctaw Indian woman, and further know that the said Isaac Cooper spoke the Choctaw language.

I know William Cooper who lived and died in Gibson Co. Tennessee about the year 1833

I know that the said William Cooper was called and was a Choctaw Indian, and know that he married a quarter-room Indian woman, and further know that the said William Cooper spoke the Choctaw language.

I know Delitha Nichols formerly Delitha Cooper who was born in Perry County Tennessee about the year 1812, and afterwards lived and died in Attamasa, Lape County, in the year 1877, and know that Delitha Nichols formerly Delitha Cooper, who said she was the lawful daughter



et of the aforesaid John Cooper,  
I know J. B. and O. M. Nichols  
who lived in Pope County Ark-  
ansas in the year 1870, and  
know them to be the lawful  
sons of Delitha Nichols, formerly  
Delitha Cooper, and know J. B.  
and O. M. Nichols to now live  
at Camanche, I. T. and I do  
further certify that I have no  
interest in the prosecution of  
this claim and do so certify

Witnesses: Signed in } Hiram E. Livingston  
the presence of }  
G. W. Luttrell } United States of  
B. F. Beck } America, 4th Judicial  
Division, Southern

District and in the Indian Territory  
Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 23rd day of August  
1895 and I further certify that the  
above affiant is reputable and  
entitled to credit and that I have  
no interest in the prosecution of  
this claim. J. L. G. Guest  
(Seq) Notary Public

**End**

Samuel F. Nichols

#1040

Samuel F. Nichols

Nichols Samuel F.  
Blackwell Delilah  
McGee Arizona  
Nichols James M.  
Wiley Mary E.  
Russell Maggie E.  
Clinton Laura B..  
Nichols Harvey A.  
Nichols William F./  
Runyan Charlotte T.  
Holliday Titus  
Grindstaff Martha J.  
Blackwell Tina W.L.  
Carroll William A.D.  
Wiley Arbra  
Wiley Carl  
Wiley Calvin  
Russell Urilda B.  
Russell Annie O.  
Clinton Emma B.  
McGee Pelham  
Herrington Maud  
Herrington Robert  
Runyan John C.  
Runyan Lillie M.  
*Canall, Nora E.*



Nichols Samuel F.

Nichols M.E.

Nichols Magie

Nichols L.B.

Nichols H.A.

Nichols W.F.

Nichols J.M.

Application for Citizenship (Copy)

To the Honorable James Commission  
Kinita Ind Perry

Gentlemen

The Undersigned your  
Petitioner this day makes his  
Application for Citizenship in the  
Choctaw Nation in the Indian  
Territory in accordance with the  
Constitution and Laws of said Nation  
and respectfully make the following  
Statement of the grounds of this  
his application to wit:  
that Samuel F. Nichols is the son  
of Sarah Ballard who the  
Undersigned fully believes was  
an Indian belonging to said Tribe  
The Undersigned hereby presents the  
above fact as the lawful grounds  
for this his application for  
Choctaw citizenship by blood and  
respectfully waits the time when his  
Application shall be truly heard  
and tried Respectfully Submitted  
Samuel F. Nichols  
Age 148 Post Office Standley, S. T.

Family with their Relationship as follows

| Number | Name              | Sex | Age | Relationship      |
|--------|-------------------|-----|-----|-------------------|
| 1      | Samuel F. Nichols | M   | 148 | Father Brother et |
| 2      | Delilah Blackwell | f   | 53  | Sister            |

- 3 Arizona McGee fm 37 Sister
- 4 James M Nichols m 29 Nephew
- 5 Mary E Wiley fm 26 Daughter
- 6 Maggie Russell fm 22 Daughter
- 7 Laura B Clinton fm 19 Daughter
- 8 Harvey F Nichols m 16 Son
- 9 William D Nichols m 6 Son
- 10 Charlotte Kinyan fm 13 Niece
- 11 Peter Holliday m 22 Nephew
- 12 Martha Grindstaff fm 17 Niece
- 13 Nina W Blackwell fm 10 Niece
- 14 Nora C Carroll fm 8 Niece
- 15 William C Carroll m 6 Nephew
- 16 Clara Wiley m 7 Grandson
- 17 Carl Wiley m 5 Grandson
- 18 Edwin Wiley m 4 Grandson
- 19 Mildred Russell fm 4 Granddaughter
- 20 Annie Russell fm 1 Granddaughter
- 21 Emma B Clinton fm 1 Granddaughter
- 22 Betham McGee m 1 Nephew
- 23 Maud Herington fm 5 Grandniece
- 24 Robert Herington m 3 Grandnephew
- 25 John C Kinyan m 2 Grandnephew
- 26 Lillie M Kinyan fm 1 Granddaughter

in Witness of Which Application  
I hereunto set my hand on this  
the 8th day of August 1896  
Samuel F. Nichols.

Acknowledged before me this  
August 8th 1896 J. M. Fuller  
my Commission Expires Feb. 13 1900 Notary Public

Affidavit of Witness

(Copy)

State of Choctaw Nation I T  
County of Wash.

Before me the undersigned a  
Notary Public in and for the Central  
Division of the United States in the  
Choctaw Nation Indian Territory  
Said Person appeared before  
me a Notary Public Gilbert  
Cooper who after being duly  
sworn states that he is 50 years  
of age and is a citizen of the  
Choctaw Nation Indian Territory  
and that he is personally  
acquainted with Samuel Nichols  
who is an Applicant for Citizen-  
ship in the Choctaw Nation  
and Affiant further states  
that the said Samuel P. Nichols  
is the identical Person he represents  
himself to be in his Application  
for Citizenship in said Nation  
and that the said Samuel P. Nichols  
Affiant further states that he  
knows Samuel P. Nichols Mother  
was a Choctaw by Blood Affiant  
further states that Samuel P.  
Nichols has Resided in the  
Choctaw Nation thirty three  
Years Affiant further states



That he has known the said Samuel D. Nichols for the past 15 years and know he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors and acquaintances and the Public generally as a person having Choctaw Indian Blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Samuel D. Nichols indicate that the said Samuel D. Nichols is of Indian Blood that from the facts and from circumstances and from statements made to me by the said Samuel D. Nichols affiant states he has every reason to believe and does believe that the said Samuel D. Nichols is of Choctaw Indian Blood

Affiant further states that he has no interest in the Prosecution of the claim of the said Samuel D. Nichols to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Gilbert Coffey

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 26th day of August 1886  
my Commission F. M. Fuller  
Expires February 13th 1900 Notary Public

Affidavit of Witness      Copy  
State of Choctaw-Nation Ind Territory  
County of Wade

Before me the undersigned  
a Notary Public in and for the  
Southern Judicial Division of the  
United States Court in the Indian  
Territory Personally appeared  
Jackson Battease who after being  
by me duly sworn states that  
he is 88 years old and is a citizen  
of the Choctaw-Nation Ind Ter  
and that he is personally  
acquainted with Samuel P. Nichols  
who is an applicant for citizens-  
hip in the Choctaw Nation IT  
and affiant further states  
that the said Samuel P. Nichols  
is the identical person he represents  
himself to be in his application  
for citizenship in said Nation  
and that the said Samuel P.  
Nichols Mother was a Choctaw  
by blood affiant further states  
that Samuel P. Nichols has  
lived in the Choctaw Nation 33  
years affiant further states  
that he has known the said

Samuel D. Nichols for the past  
43 years and knows that he  
and has been recognized and  
treated by his neighbors and  
acquaintances and the public  
generally as a person having  
Choctaw Indian blood and that  
the complexion and physical appear-  
ance of the said Samuel D. Nichols  
indicates that the said Samuel  
D. Nichols is of Indian blood  
that from the above facts and  
circumstances and from state-  
ments made to me by the said  
Samuel D. Nichols affiant states  
he has every reason to believe  
and does believe that the said  
Samuel D. Nichols is of Choctaw  
Indian blood, affiant further  
states that he has no interest  
in the prosecution of the claim  
of the said Samuel D. Nichols to  
citizenship in the Choctaw Nation I P.

Witness  
S. W. McKinney Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 8 day of August 1886  
J. M. Fuller  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires Feb 15 1886

Joshua Hanna, Ind. Ter., Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon Jeff Buchanan (Ind. Ter. Sheriff)

Sir

Those Papers are a true and correct  
copies of the Nichols Family  
Claiming Citizenship Before the  
Dawes Commission as the  
Claimants are satisfied to

and you a copy of the same

your friend  
J. W. McKinnon, Atty

acknowledged receipt Aug 14/96



State of Choctaw Nation Ind Ter  
County of Cedar

Personally appeared before me a Notary  
Public in the Central Judicial Division  
of United States Court in Ind Ter  
a person. Believing a Choctaw Indian  
by blood and being duly sworn depose  
and say he is 38 years of age and resides  
in Cedar county Choctaw Nation IT and  
states that he has been intimately acquainted  
with Samuel F. Nichols 43 years and knows  
that the said Samuel F. Nichols mother was  
a Choctaw Indian by blood and her name  
was Sarah. Watson before she was  
married to James. Nichols and knows  
this family of Choctaws was some of the  
first families that moved to this country  
from Mississippi territory, further states  
that he knows Isaac. Watson to be a  
Choctaw Indian by blood and the said  
Isaac. Watson is a brother of Sarah.  
Watson and knows that the said  
Samuel F. Nichols is a lawful heir of the  
the said Sarah. Nichols the lawful  
wife of James. Nichols the said James.  
Nichols was a citizen of the United States  
at the time he was married to the said  
Sarah. Watson the mother of the said

Samuel F. Nichols and that some of the  
same family of relations that are full  
blood Indians are still living in the Choctaw  
Nation in Wolf County and are near  
relatives of the said Samuel F. Nichols  
affiant further states that the said  
Samuel F. Nichols has lived in the  
Choctaw Nation 33 years and knows that the  
said Samuel F. Nichols has been recognized  
and treated by his neighbors and acquaintances  
and the public generally as a person having  
Choctaw Indian blood and the complexion  
and physical appearances of the said Samuel  
F. Nichols is a Choctaw Indian by blood  
and from the above facts and circum-  
stances and from statements made to  
me by the said Samuel F. Nichols  
affiant further states that he has no  
interest in the prosecution of the  
claim of the said Samuel F. Nichols  
to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation  
affiant further states that  
the said Samuel F. Nichols is the  
identical person making application for  
citizenship in the said Choctaw Nation Indian  
Territory affiant further states that he knows  
the said Samuel F. Nichols to be a Choctaw  
Indian by blood by knowing him

and being with him and knowing his  
Father and mother and knowing them  
to be Choctaws and knows that the said  
Serrah. Nichols is a Choctaw Indian by  
blood the mother of the said Samuel F.  
Nichols and that the said Samuel F. Nichols  
was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation by  
his legal and lawful marriage to the  
said Serrah. wellon by these facts  
I know that the said Samuel F. Nichols  
to be a Choctaw citizen by blood  
J. M. Fuller  
Notary Public  
within

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this the 24 day of August 1896

J. M. Fuller  
Notary Public  
my commission expires February the 13th  
1900

J. F. M. Fuller Notary Public for the  
Central Judicial Division of the United  
States Court in the Ind Ter hereby  
certify that the above affidavit was  
dictated affiant Jackson Battiste  
and written by me with my hand  
and sealed with my seal this the  
24th day August 1896

J. M. Fuller



State of Choctaw Nation Indian Territory  
County of Wade

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public  
in and for the Central Judicial Division of the  
United States Court in the Indian Territory

Pelbert. Cochran a Choctaw Indian by blood  
and being in his worn clothes and being 74  
years of age and reside in Cedar County

Choctaw Nation Indian Territory and States that he

has ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> ~~acquainted~~ <sup>been</sup> acquainted with Samuel F.

Nichols for 40 years and knows that the  
said Samuel F. Nichols mother was a Choctaw  
Indian by blood and her name was Sarah  
Watson before she was married to James  
Nichols and knows this family of Choctaws  
was some of the first families that  
moved from Mississippi to this country  
affiant further states that he knows Isaac  
Watson to be a Choctaw Indian by blood  
and the said Isaac Watson is a brother  
of Sarah Watson and knows that the said  
Samuel F. Nichols is a lawful heir of  
the said Sarah Nichols the wife of the  
said James Nichols the said James Nichols  
was a citizen of the United States at the time  
he was married to the said Sarah Watson  
the mother of the said Samuel F. Nichols  
and that some of the same family of Watson  
that are full blood Indians are still living



in the Choctaw Nation and in Wolf  
County and are near relations of the said  
Samuel F. Nichols affiant  
Further states that the said Samuel F. Nichols  
has lived in the Choctaw Nation 30 years  
<sup>that he</sup> and knows that the said Samuel F. Nichols  
has been recognized and treated by his  
Neighbors and acquaintances and the Public  
Generally as Person having Choctaw Indian  
blood and that the complexion and  
Physical characteristics of the said Samuel  
F. Nichols is a Choctaw Indian by blood  
and from the above facts and circumstances  
and from statements made to me by the said  
Samuel F. Nichols affiant states he  
has a reason to believe and does believe  
that the said Samuel F. Nichols is a Choctaw  
Indian by blood affiant further states  
that he has no interest in the prosecution  
of the claim of the said Samuel F. Nichols  
to Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation affiant  
Further states that the said Samuel F. Nichols  
is the identical person making application  
for Citizenship in the said Choctaw Nation  
Indian Territory affiant further states that  
he knows the said Samuel F. Nichols to be  
a Choctaw Indian by blood by knowing  
him and living with him and knowing his  
father and mother and knowing them

to be Choctaws and know that the said  
Sarah. Nichols is a Choctaw Indian by blood  
the mother of the said Samuel F. Nichols and  
that the said Saml. Nichols was a citizen of  
the Choctaw Nation by his legal and lawful  
marriage to the said Sarah. Walton by  
these facts I know that the said Samuel F. Nichols  
to be a Choctaw Indian by blood.

Gilbert Cooper

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896  
Witness

F. M. Fuller

Notary Public

my commission expires February 13<sup>th</sup> 1900

I F. M. Fuller Notary Public for the Central  
Judicial Division of the United States Court in  
Indian Territory here by certifying that the above  
affidavit was dictated by affiant  
Gilbert Cooper and written by me  
with my hand and sealed with my seal  
hand and seal this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 1896

Application for Citizenship  
to the Honorable James L. Thompson  
Vice President of the Cherokee Nation and  
Gentlemen the undersigned good Believer  
this day makes his Application for citizenship  
in the Cherokee Nation in the Indian Territory  
in accordance with Constitution and laws  
of said Nation and Respectfully makes the  
following statement of the grounds of this his  
Application to wit that Samuel P. Nichols  
is the Grandfather of the undersigned  
the undersigned being Believer that said Indian  
Belongs to said Tribe. The undersigned hereby  
presents the above facts as the lawful grounds  
for this his Application for Cherokee Citizenship  
By Blood and Respectfully waits the time  
when his Application shall be truly heard  
and tried Respectfully Submitted age 25 years  
Postoffice Standley ind. Tex. Family with their  
Relationship attached as follows

| No | Name              | Sex    | Relationship | Age |
|----|-------------------|--------|--------------|-----|
| 1  | Samuel P. Nichols | male   | Applicant    | 25  |
| 2  | M. E. Nichols     | female | Daughter     | 24  |
| 3  | Mary Nichols      | female | Daughter     | 22  |
| 4  | L. B. Nichols     | female | Daughter     | 18  |
| 5  | H. C. Nichols     | male   | Son          | 16  |
| 6  | W. H. Nichols     | male   | Son          | 6   |
| 7  | J. M. Nichols     | male   | Nephew       | 27  |

in witness of which Application is hereunto  
Set my hand on this the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of August  
A.D. 1896 Samuel<sup>his</sup> Nichols  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
24<sup>th</sup> Day of August A.D. 1896

J. M. Fuller  
Notary Public  
my Commission Expires  
February the 13<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1900



**End**

william m. nichols  
#992

william m. nichols

- Nichols William M.  
- Nichols Warren  
- Walker Sarah A.  
- Nichols Joseph B.  
- Walker Mary  
- Nichols Andrew  
- Nichols William  
- Cross Melvina  
- Nichols Lizzie  
- Walker Cullen B.  
- Caiggle Molly  
- Walker Doc.  
- Nichols Lee  
- Caiggle Willie  
- Turner Alice  
- Nichols Byron M.  
- Nichols Maude M.  
- Nichols William J.  
- Nichols James  
- Nichols Louis  
- Nichols Walton M.  
- Nichols Elma  
- Cross Dona  
- Cross David  
- Cross Ellen  
- Cross Ada

- Cross Noah  
- Nichols Sellana  
- Nichols Dillard  
- Cross Willie

State of Choctaw Nation Indian Territory  
County of Wade

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public  
in the Central Judicial Division of the United  
States Court in the Indian Territory,

~~Black~~ Son. Balliste a Choctaw Indian by  
Blood and being duly sworn deposes and says  
I am 88 years old and reside in Cedar County  
Choctaw Nation and for I am well acquainted  
with William M. Nichols who is an applicant  
for citizen ship in the Choctaw Nation and for  
counsel applicant further states that the said William  
Nichols is the identical person he represents  
himself to be in his application for citizen ship  
in the said Nation and that the said William  
M. Nichols is the descendant of Pheby.  
Nichols and Sam. Nichols Choctaw by  
blood and has been personally acquainted  
with the said William M. Nichols who is  
the applicant for citizen ship from his  
infancy up to this date and knows him  
to be a Choctaw Indian by blood  
applicant further states that the said Sam  
Nichols and Pheby, Nichols and ~~Black~~  
William M. Nichols the legal and  
lawful son of the said Sam. Nichols  
and Pheby, Nichols is and has been  
recognized and treated their neighbors  
acquaintances and the Public generally



as a person having <sup>Choctaw</sup> Indian blood and that  
the complexion and physical appearance of  
the said William M. Nichols indicate  
that the said William M. Nichols is of  
Indian blood and that from the above  
facts and circumstances and from state-  
ments made to me by the said William  
M. Nichols affiant states he has every  
reason to believe and does believe that the  
said William M. Nichols is of the  
Choctaw Indian blood affiant further  
states that he has no interest in the  
Prosecution of the claim of the William  
M. Nichols to citizenship in the  
Choctaw Nation. I affiant further  
states that he is personally acquainted  
with Isaac Watson a Choctaw Indian  
by blood and knows that the said Isaac  
Watson is a brother to Pheby Nichols  
the mother of the said William M.  
Nichols affiant further states that the said  
William M. Nichols has relatives living in  
the Choctaw Nation that are full blood  
Indians affiant further states that he  
knows the said William M. Nichols  
to be a Choctaw Indian by knowing  
him and living with him and being born  
and knowing his ~~mother~~ to be a Choctaw  
Indian by blood

Witness Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896

J. C. Nov. <sup>for</sup> Battushe  
may

FRAME 1

States that he had no interest in the

J. W. McHenry

F. M. Fuller  
Notary Public

my commission expires February 13th 1901

I, F. M. Fuller, Notary Public in and for  
the Central Judicial District of the United  
States, do hereby certify that the above affidavit was dictated  
by applicant Jackson, Ballou in my  
presence and signed with my hand  
and seal this 10th day of September  
1899.

F. M. Fuller  
Notary Public

FRAME 2

State of Choctaw Nation Indian Territory

County of Waddle

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public  
in and for the central Judicial Division of the  
United States court in the Indian Territory  
Gilbert T. Fowler a Choctaw Indian by blood  
and being duly sworn deposes and says I am  
74 years old and reside in said County  
Choctaw Nation Indian Territory and that I am  
well acquainted with William M. Nichols  
and have known him for the last 35  
years and know the said William M.  
Nichols mother Pheby. Nichols was  
a Choctaw Indian by blood and being  
Personally acquainted with the said William  
M. Nichols who is an applicant for citizen-  
ship in the Choctaw Nation I and affirm  
I further state that the said William M.  
Nichols is the identical person he represents  
himself to be in his application for citizen-  
ship in said Nation and that the said  
William M. Nichols is the descendant of  
the said Pheby. Nichols is the mother  
of the said William M. Nichols who  
is a Choctaw Indian by blood applicant  
Further states that he has known the said  
Pheby. Nichols for the last 40 years and  
knows that she has and is treated and  
recognized by her neighbors and

acquaintances and the Public generally as a  
Person having Indian blood and that the  
complexion and physical appearance of the  
said Phibz. Nichols indicate that the said  
Phibz. Nichols is of Indian blood affiant  
further states that the said William M.  
Nichols is a Legel and Lawful heir of  
the said Phibz. Nichols and that the  
said William M. Nichols is and has  
been recognized by his neighbors and  
friends by his neighbors and acquaintances  
and the Public generally as a person having  
Choctaw Indian blood and the complexion  
and physical appearance of the said William  
M. Nichols indicate that the said  
William M. Nichols is a Choctaw  
Indian by blood and from the above  
facts and circumstances and from  
statements <sup>made</sup> to me by the said William  
M. Nichols affiant further states that  
he knows that the said William M.  
Nichols is a Choctaw Indian by blood  
affiant further states that he has every  
reason to believe and does believe that the  
said William M. Nichols is a Choctaw  
Indian by blood affiant further  
states that he has no interest in the  
Prosecution of the claim of the said



William M. Nichols to citizen ship  
in the Choctaw Nation I further  
state that he knows the said William  
M. Nichols to be a Choctaw Indian by  
blood by being acquainted with his mother  
and knowing her to be a Choctaw Indian  
by blood and knowing the said William  
M. Nichols to be a legal heir of the  
said Phibbs Nichols affiant  
further states that Isaac Watson is a  
brother of the said Phibbs Nichols and  
that the said Isaac Watson is a Choctaw  
Indian by blood affiant further  
states that he is well acquainted with  
the said Phibbs Nichols relatives now  
living in the Choctaw Nation and  
knows them to be Choctaw Indians by  
blood

Gellert. Cooper

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
the 4th day of September 1896

F. M. Fuller

Notary Public

my commission expires February 11th  
1900

I J. M. Fuller Notary Public for the Central  
Judicial Division of the United States  
Court in the Indian Territory Certifying that  
the within affidavit was dictated in my  
presence by affiant Gilbert Cooper and  
written by me with my hand and  
sealed with my seal on the 4th day of  
September 1896

J. M. Fuller

Notary Public

Application For citizen ship  
To the Honorable Council of the Choctaw  
Nation - Indian Territory  
Gentlemen we the undersigned <sup>your</sup> Petitioners  
this day make this our application for  
Citizen ship in the Choctaw Nation in the  
Indian Territory in accordance with the  
Constitution and Laws of the said Nation  
and we the undersigned makes the following  
statements of the grounds of this our  
application to wit  
that we William. M. Nichols and Warren.  
Nichols and Serrah. A. Walker and  
Joseph. B. Nichols Mary. Walker are  
Brothers and Sisters of the same Parents  
and Andrew. Nichols William. Nichols  
Melvina Cross our Niece Lizzie  
Nichols a Niece Bullen. B. Walker a  
Nephew Molly. Giggles Niece Doc  
Walker our Legal Nephews and Nieces  
are all descendants of Pheby. Nichols the  
mother of William. M. Nichols and  
Warren. Nichols Serrah. A. Walker  
and Joseph. B. Nichols Mary. Walker  
who we the undersigned fully believe  
that we are Choctaw Indians by blood  
belonging to the said tribe we the  
undersigned hereby present the above  
facts as the lawful grounds for this our

application for Choctaw citizen ship  
by blood and respectfully waits the  
time when this our application shall be  
truly heard and tried

Respectfully Submitted

Families and relation ship as follows  
Names and ages of applicants

|                    |     |         |          |
|--------------------|-----|---------|----------|
| William M. Nichols | m   | age     | 39 y     |
| Warren Nichols     | m   | Brother | age 43 y |
| Levin B. Walker    | fgm | Sister  | age 60   |
| Mary A. Walker     | fgm | Sister  | .. 58    |
| Joseph B. Nichols  | m   | Brother | .. 54    |
| Andrew Nichols     | m   | Nephew  | .. 30    |
| William Nichols    | m   | ..      | 27       |
| Gullen B. Walker   | m   | ..      | 26       |
| Doc Walker         | m   | ..      | 30       |
| Lee Nichols        | m   | ..      | 23       |
| Deborah Nichols    | m   | ..      | 32       |
| Melvin B. Cross    | fgm | Niece   | 38       |
| Lezlie Nichols     | fgm | ..      | 23       |
| Mollie Baiggle     | fgm | ..      | 24       |
| Willie Baiggle     | m   | Nephew  | 7        |
| Grace Turner       | fgm | Niece   | 21       |

Below is the names and ages of William  
M. Nichols one as follows

|                   |     |          |        |
|-------------------|-----|----------|--------|
| Byron M. Nichols  | m   | Son      | age 10 |
| Willie H. Nichols | m   | Son      | 8      |
| Maudie M. Nichols | fgm | daughter | 6      |

Children of Warren Nichols names  
and ages

William J. Nichols m Son



James. Nichols m son 12

Salenna. J. Nichols 78m daughter 8

Louis. Nichols m son 6

Walton. m. Nichols m son 3

Elma. Nichols m son 1

those below are the names and ages of  
Melvina. Cross as follows

Willie. Cross m son 15

Dona. Cross 78m daughter 12

Dania. Cross m son 10

Ellen. Cross 78m daughter 7

Ada. Cross 78m 4

Noah. Cross m son 2

Post offices of all of the heads of families

William. M. Nichols Po Caddo 17

Warren. Nichols Po ad Durant 17

Sarah. A. Walker Caddo 17

Eulin. B. Walker Caddo - - -

Mollie. Baiggle Caddo - - -

Joseph. B. Nichols Po ad Nichols

Palt Co cont

Andrew. Nichols Po ad Nelson 17

Lillard. Nichols Po over brook 17

Melvina. Cross .. Allen 17

Mary. Walker .. Durant 17

in return of which application

we here unto set our hands on this

Septem ber the 4 1896

William. M. Nichols

Warren Nichols

Andrew Nichols

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896

J. M. Fuller

Notary Public

my commission expires February  
the 13<sup>th</sup> 1900

**End**

martha nipper

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martha nipper



...  
 before the commencement of the five  
 civilized tribes) persons offered to  
 give me Mrs. Martha Nipper &  
 after being duly sworn I did then  
 depose & say that she is the daughter of  
 Mrs. Desiah Nipper & the grate grand  
 daughter of this said Nipper a cho-  
 ctaw Indian by her name  
 has been enrolled as a Choctaw Ind  
 & that same the mother of three living  
 children, namely  
 Leroy Nipper age 6 years  
 Marshall Nipper " " "  
 Leger Nipper " "  
 and I pray there may be enrolled  
 as citizens of the Choctaw Nation  
 without my hand writing & seal

Nipper Martha  
 Nipper Leroy  
 Nipper Marshall P.  
 Nipper Leger

Subscribed &  
 sworn to before me  
 this 27 day of July 1880  
 J. P. McNamee  
 Justice of the Peace  
 in and for the County of  
 Indian Territory

...  
 before the commencement of the five  
 civilized tribes  
 persons offered to  
 give me J. P. Nipper and after being  
 duly sworn I did then depose & say  
 that he is 30 years  
 of age and is the husband of  
 Mrs. Martha Nipper and  
 married to her in 1880 and that  
 she has been registered by  
 me as a Choctaw Indian

Leroy Nipper age 6 years  
 Marshall Nipper " " "  
 Leger Nipper " "  
 and I pray there may be  
 enrolled as citizens of the  
 Choctaw Nation  
 without my hand  
 writing & seal  
 J. P. Nipper

**End**

Cordelia Nogoaruba

Cordelia Nogoaruba

✓  
To The Honorable Laws Committee  
Now Comes Cordelia Nogatuba asking  
that she be Enrolled as a Choctaw  
Indian on the Roll now being Prepared  
by the Commission for that Purpose  
And Cordelia Nogatuba States that  
her age is 12<sup>years</sup> and that her  
Post office is Bennington, D. T.  
and that she was Born in the  
Choctaw Nation and that she is  
one half's Choctaw Indian by Blood  
and that her Father's Name was  
Nelson Nogatuba and that he was a  
full Blood Choctaw Indian by Blood

Cordelia Nogatuba

Subscribed and Sworn to Before me  
this the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1896  
W. H. Attaway  
Notary Public



Indian Territory, Before Me W. H. Attaway  
Central District } a Notary Public in  
and for the above Territory and District  
this Day Personally appeared Mary Attaway  
and Celia Pinner whom after first  
being duly sworn according to Law  
they each state on oath for themselves  
that Bennington, D. T. is their Post office  
and that they <sup>know</sup> Cordelia Nogaatuba and  
that they have known her from her  
Birth and that they know her to  
be one half  $\frac{1}{2}$  Choctaw Indian by Blood  
and that they knew said Cordelia Nogaatuba  
Father Nelson Nogaatuba who was a  
full Blood Choctaw Indian by Blood  
and they each state that they have  
no interest in the establishment of  
this claim

Mary <sup>her</sup> Attaway  
Mark

Celia Pinner

Subscribed and Sworn to Before me  
this the 29th Day of August 1896

W. H. Attaway  
Notary Public

**End**

John L. Noland

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John L. Noland

ication of  
L. Noland

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(Copy)

United States of America, )  
State of Texas, )  
County of Harrison, ) SS.  
Southern District.

Before the Honorable Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
in the Indian Territory.

In the matter of enrollment of John L. Noland as a member  
and citizen of the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians.

APPLICATION.

The aforesaid applicant hereby makes application to your  
Honorable Commission to be enrolled as a member and citizen of  
the Chickasaw tribe of Indians and states:

First. That on the 16 th. day of June 1891, applicant, John  
L. Noland, intermarried with Mrs. Nona Sparks in the Chickasaw Na-  
tion Territory in accordance with the laws and customs then pre-  
vailing in said Nation and Territory relative to the members of  
the Chickasaw tribe of Indians intermarrying with United States  
citizens, a certified copy of the marriage license, in the Indian  
the Indian language, is hereto attached marked Exhibit A and made  
a part of this application:

That, <sup>a</sup> certificate of the marriage of said applicant, John L.  
Noland, signed by the minister of the Gospel who performed the  
ceremony with a statement on the margin of the same, signed and  
sealed officially by D. F. Perry, Clerk of Pontotoc County Chicka-  
saw Nation, showing when and where the same is recorded, is  
hereto attached marked "Exhibit B" and made a part of this appli-  
cation:

That another certificate of the marriage of said applicant,  
showing that it was solemnized by virtue of a license issued by  
the Chickasaw authorities to the said applicant to marry Mrs.  
Nona Sparks, showing that witnesses were present at said marriage  
with the signatures of said witnesses to the same, is hereto at-  
tached marked "Exhibit C" and made a part hereof:

(Copy)

Second. That the said Mrs. Homa Sparks is a daughter of George

Griner and Matilda Griner now deceased and a duly recognized and enrolled member and citizen of said Chickasaw tribe of Indians, being a Chickasaw Indian by blood, and is so recognized and known as such, and she has always shared in the distribution of the funds of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians:

That the said applicant John L. Noland, was at the aforesaid marriage a citizen of the United States.

That the said applicant John L. Noland, since the aforesaid marriage, has been duly recognized and enrolled as a member of and citizen of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians and has participated and shared in the distribution of the funds of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians.

Applicant alleges for the reasons and facts above set forth, that he is a citizen of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians.

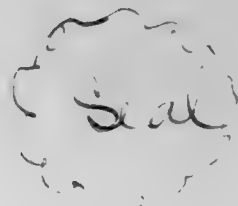
Wherefore and is considered, applicant prays that he be enrolled by your Honorable Commission as a member and citizen of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians.

I, John L. Noland, do solemnly swear that I am the applicant in the above and foregoing application, and that I have read the same and know the contents thereof and that the facts therein stated are true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by John L. Noland this the

29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896.

R. N. Coffee  
Notary Public, in and for  
Cherokee County, Texas.  
atty. for Applicant



(Copy)

Exhibit A  
O. W. C.

Kaonti chach nava isht ai atta  
Pan totok kaonti chikasha yakni  
Chou hashi 13-1891  
hatak moma kat nana ilappa it hai  
anashki yoni kat anashki Kiani sia  
hat pantotak kaonti misha plobit chach  
sia hat himak nitak fihua ka J. L. No-  
land naholla okla ai a chaffa ilappa  
lai sinis holisso inali kat Nova Sparks  
Chikasha okla ai a chaffa mi cha pan-  
totak kaonti ai a hanta ilappa itti ha  
lat la chi ka holisso inu lishki yoni mi  
ka na holla la mi cha chikasha okla  
ai a chaffa ilappat ai itti halala hi  
i nangak pisa atok a isht a yakai  
yat isht alhopolli tok oki himak  
nitak a sal bak atok na takali  
chi lishki Kaonti pl lobit  
(Signed) chach R Benney

(Seal) "Exhibit A"

Copy

been known as such, and she is a Chickasaw Indian by blood and

Purcell J. F.  
June 16<sup>th</sup> 1891

County Clerk

Stonewall

This is to certify that on this  
the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1891 - I  
did join in matrimony  
Mr J. L. Noland & Mrs Nora  
Sparks, both of Purcell J. F.  
(Signed) Volney Johnson  
minister of the Gospel

Recorded on page 143 of Marriage  
Record Book, this July 20<sup>th</sup> 1891  
B. F. Perry clerk.

(marked "Exhibit B.")

(Seal)

(Copy)

been known as such, and she is a Chickasaw Indian by blood and



Know all men hereby that on the  
16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1891, - I did, by  
virtue of license issued under the  
law of the Chickasaw Nation, solemn-  
ize the rights of matrimony be-  
tween John L. Holland & Mrs Nona  
Sparks, both of Purcell Ind. Ter.  
& that there were present as wit-  
nesses Ira Hall & Robert Car-  
mack. Ch of Purcell I.T.

Sig - Volney Johnson  
Minister of Gospel

Witnesses names: R.R. Carmack  
Ira Hall  
(marked "Exhibit C")

(Copy)

been known as such, and she is a Chickasaw Indian by blood and

idavit of  
L. Roland

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State of Texas .  
County of Grayson

Before the undersigned authority this day personally appeared John L. Holand who after being by me first duly sworn according to law says:

My name is John L. Holand, I am 36 years of age, my permanent home is near Purcell Indian Territory but I am now temporarily located at Whitesboro Texas and my present post office is Whitesboro Texas, I am a traveling salesman by occupation at present, I was formerly a United States citizen but am now a citizen of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians by virtue of having married Mrs. Mona Sparks, a citizen and member of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians by blood.

I am well and personally acquainted with Mrs. Mona Sparks, she is a daughter of George Criner and Matilda Criner now deceased, who were duly enrolled and recognized as members and citizens of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians; and always participated and shared in the distribution of the funds belonging to the Chickasaw tribe of Indians:

Mrs. Mona Sparks' maiden name was Mona Criner and on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18-- she married one J Buck Sparks and thereby became Mrs. Mona Sparks, and was afterward on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18--- divorced from him by the Chickasaw Courts.

On the 10th. day of ~~August~~ June 1891, according to the laws and customs then prevailing in the Chickasaw Nation, and after having obtained a marriage license from the Chickasaw authorities legally authorized to issue marriage license and paying the Fifty dollars required for the same by the Chickasaw law, I was legally married to Mrs. Mona Sparks by Volney Johnson, a duly ordained Minister of the Gospel, under and by virtue of the aforesaid license obtained from the Chickasaw Government.

That Mrs. Mona Sparks is a duly recognized and enrolled member and citizen of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians and has always been known as such, and she is a Chickasaw Indian by blood and

she has always shared in the distribution of the funds belonging to the said Chickasaw tribe of Indians, and has in various and diverse other ways been known and recognized as a member and citizen of the said Chickasaw tribe of Indians.

On the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1896 the said Hona Sparks, then Hona Holand, brought suit against and obtained a divorce from this affiant on the grounds that this affiant had been squandering and spending her money and has since married James R. Shannon and is now living at Ponce de Leon Indian Territory as the wife of said Shannon.

My permanent home is in the Chickasaw Nation, but I have been traveling as a salesman for the last 5 years --

I now own and hold lands and improvements near Ponce de Leon in the Chickasaw Nation by virtue of the aforesaid marriage to Mrs Hona Sparks, by and with the consent and approbation of the Chickasaw Government.

*and share in the distribution of the Chickasaw funds*  
Signed: John L. Holand

Subscribed and sworn to before me by John L. Holand  
this the 29th day of August 1896.

J. H. Puckett  
Notary Public. in and for  
Crawford County Texas

Seal

*Copy*



United States of America,  
Indian Territory,  
South of Fort Pitt.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the above is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Washington, D.C.

residence of Robert Smith, 1234 5th St., N.W.  
I am well known to John L. Smith and John L. Smith  
and have known him for 7 years. He is a traveler and is not organized  
and is now living in the United States and has not been  
United States citizen.

[illegible]

10-10-1944

[illegible]

that the said Mrs. Thompson was a well known and respected person  
from 1900 to 1910, and that in 1910 she was living in the  
city, and her place was a very nice one, and that she was  
of good family, and had in her house many other people  
been known to her, and that she was a very good  
person, and that she was a very good person, and that she was a very good person.

That sometime after the marriage of John Holman and Mrs. Mary Sparks, nee R. C. Edwards, wife John H. Holman for a woman, the Chickasaw County and Otta had the same on the ground that he, Holman, had been granted and was holding his 40 or 45 acres of land and James H. Shannon was now living at Russell India Territory and Mrs. Nona Shannon.

That John H. Nolan lived at Pinedale I.T. until a year or two ago, at which time he became a traveling salesman, that as the said Nolan now owns and holds lands and improvements near Pinedale I.T. and Territory by virtue of the aforesaid drawings & to the said Mrs. Mona Sparks, and with the consent and approval of the Chickasaw Government.

sparks, and with the consent and approval of the Cherokee Council.  
I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and a member of the Cherokee  
tribe of Indians by blood and a competent witness to testify to my  
testimony to citizenship matters before the tribal courts of the Cherokee  
Nation, and citizen of the Cherokee tribe of Indians  
by marriage. signed Ruby W. Smith  
initial

by memorandum signed Rube <sup>husband</sup> ~~husband~~ <sub>ritask</sub>  
 forwarded me and a to before a Rube <sup>husband</sup> ~~husband~~ <sub>ritask</sub>  
 under 31" by August 1988.

Seal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public in and for  
 Southern Dist. Ind. Terr.

**End**

micheal odea

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micheal odea

OFFICE OF  
M. F. ROBINSON,  
COUNTY AND PROBATE JUDGE, BLUE CO.,  
CHOCTAW NATION.

Copy

CADDO, I. T. .... 189.

The Choctaw Nation / On this 3rd day of August  
County of Blue 1896 Personally appeared  
Calvin Robinson a Citizen  
of the Choctaw Nation by blood and after  
being duly sworn according to Law  
States that Michael Odea a white man  
was married to Mrs Corrina Puckett a  
Choctaw woman who was my daughter  
a Choctaw woman, 13th day of August 1881  
and lived with her until her death  
which took place Feb. 12th day 1894  
Calvin Robinson  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
3rd day of August A.D. 1896

J. H. Folsom  
Clerk of Blue Co.  
C.N.

Personally appeared M. F. Robinson  
a Choctaw Citizen by blood of the Choctaw  
Nation and after being duly sworn  
according to Law and States that  
Michael Odea was married to



OFFICE OF  
M. F. ROBINSON,  
COUNTY AND PROBATE JUDGE, BLUE CO.,  
CHOCTAW NATION.

CADDO, I. T., .....1896

Leonina Pickett a Choctaw woman  
who was my sister on the 13th day  
of August 1881 and lived with her  
until she died and has not married  
yet.

M. F. Robinson  
Subscribed and Sworn to before me this  
3rd day of August 1896

F. E. Folsom  
Clerk of Blue Co  
C. N.

this is to certify that the above copy is true and  
correct

Given under my Hand and Seal of Office this  
3rd Day of August A.D. 1896

F. E. Folsom  
Clerk of Blue Co  
C. N.

OFFICE OF  
M. F. ROBINSON,  
COUNTY AND PROBATE JUDGE, BLUE CO.,  
CHOCTAW NATION.

Copy

CADDO, I. T., ..... 1896.

Choctaw Nation } To the Hon Dances  
County of Blue } Commissioners

Now on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August  
1896. Personally appeared Michael Odea  
before me J. E. Folsom County and Probate Clerk  
Blue County Choctaw Nation and after being  
duly sworn according to Law, and deposed  
and says that he was married to Corrina  
Puckett a Choctaw woman by blood on the 13<sup>th</sup>  
day of August 1881 in the State of Texas, and  
he failed to enrollment on the Census Rolls  
of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians

Michael Odea  
Sworn to and Subscribed before me this  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of August A.D. 1896

J. E. Folsom Clerk  
of Blue Co. C. N.

this is to certify that this is a true and correct  
copy

Given under my Hand and Seal of Office this 3<sup>rd</sup>  
day of August A.D. 1896

J. E. Folsom  
Clerk of Blue Co. C. N.

OFFICE OF  
M. F. ROBINSON,  
COUNTY AND PROBATE JUDGE, BLUE CO.,  
CHOCTAW NATION.

CADDO, I. T., ..... 189.

*Marriage License*  
The State of Texas } To any Judge of the District  
County of Grayson } Court, Judge of the County  
Court, Ordained or Licensed  
Minister, or Justice of the Peace of Grayson  
County. Creating - You are hereby authorized  
to Celebrate the Rites of Matrimony  
between Michael Oden and Corrinna  
Puckett and Make due return to the clerk of  
said court within sixty days thereafter certifying  
your action under this License

I witness my official signature and seal  
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1881 - S. R. Dickerson Clerk

I, B. G. Lesley Certify that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Aug  
1881, I united in marriage Michael Oden  
and Corrinna Puckett the parties a bond  
Hanged - Witness my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 1881. B. G. McLesley - M. J.

The State of Texas } L. J. W. Hudson Clerk of  
County of Grayson } the County Court within



OFFICE OF  
M. F. ROBINSON,  
COUNTY AND PROBATE JUDGE, BLUE CO.,  
CHOCTAW NATION.

CADDO, I. T., ..... 189.

And for Grayson County, do hereby Certify  
that the foregoing is a true and correct  
Copy of the record of my Office, as the same  
appears in Marriage Record Book F page  
477. Given under my hand and Seal  
of Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August  
A.D. 1896 J. H. Hudson County Clerk

W. B. S. Sicker non deputy  
Ind. Terry Blue county Choctaw Nation  
I, G. E. Folsom, Clerk of the County Court  
of said County, do hereby Certify that the foregoing  
instrument of writing dated the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
August 1881, with its Certificate of Authentication  
was filed for record in my office the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of  
August 1896, and duly recorded the 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
August A.D. 1896, in the records of said County, in  
Volume 4 on page 366. witness my hand and  
Seal of the County Court of said County, at office  
in Caddo, the day & year last above mentioned.

G. E. Folsom Clerk  
County Court  
Blue county.



this is to certify that this is a true and correct  
copy in my office in Vol 4 Page 336  
Given under my hand and seal of office this 3 day  
of August 20 1894

F. C. Folsom  
Clerk of Blue es  
C. F.

**End**

william B. odell

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william B. odell

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Choctaw Nation



Before the Commission for the Five Civilized Tribes:

In the matter of the claim of William B. Odell <sup>Citizenship Choctaw Nation</sup> for ~~enrollment~~ <sup>enrollment</sup> on the roll to be prepared by the Commission for the Choctaw Nation as a citizenship roll for said Nation.

The applicant William B. Odell would state for his claim for ~~enrollment~~ <sup>enrollment</sup> that his age is 47 years and that his Post Office is Caddo Choctaw Nation I. T.

The applicant William B. Odell would also state that he is an intermarried citizen of the Choctaw Nation having married Mrs Lucy J. Dodson (nee Turnbull) a citizen of the Choctaw Nation by blood and whose name appears on the roll of citizenship of said Nation as Lucy J. Odell and that the wife of applicant did draw her Net Proceed money and the Lease District money.

The applicant would state that he married on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1884 in the State of Texas in accordance with the Laws of the State of Texas as will be seen by a copy of marriage license and a certified copy of the Marriage certificate filed herewith and made a part of this application and marked "Exhibit A"

The applicant would ask the Commission to place him on the roll to be prepared by them of the Choctaw Nation.

*Given* *William B Odell*  
Subscribed to and sworn before me on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1896

*J. R. Rappley*  
Notar Public.

*Copy*

State of Texas }  
Red River County } To any Judge of the County, or District  
Court, Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the  
Gospel, Jewish Rabbi or Justice of the Peace in and for said  
County, of Red River. Greeting: You are hereby authorized  
to solemnize the Rites of Matrimony Between Mr. W.  
B. Odell and Lucy Dodson and make due returns  
to the Clerk of the County Court of said County, within  
sixty days thereafter certifying your action under this  
License

Witness my official signature and seal of  
office in Clarksville this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May A.D.  
1884 A. P. Carley Clerk

I, James W. Moore hereby certify that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
June A. D. 1884 I united in Marriage W. B. Odell and  
Lucy J. Dodson the parties above named.  
Witness my hand this 3 day of June A. D. 1884  
James W. Moore

I, D. H. Taylor, Clerk County Court Red  
River County, Texas, do hereby certify that the within  
is a true and correct copy of a marriage License is-  
sued to W. B. Odell and Lucy J. Dodson, together with  
the certificate of James W. Moore the person who  
solemnized the rites of Matrimony between said  
parties, as copied from the record of said county,  
book 8 pag 425 Record of Marriage  
Given under my hand and seal of office  
this Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1896

D. H. Taylor  
Clerk County Court Red River County Texas.

Affidavit of M. R. Helley to be read as evidence before the Commission  
in behalf of William Odell for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

The affiant after first being duly sworn deposes and says that his  
age is 24 years and that his Post Office is Cadis L.T.

The affiant further states that he is well acquainted with the  
applicant William D. Odell and his wife Lucy J. Odell she being my  
half sister and a Choctaw Indian by blood and that he was present at  
the marriage of William D. Odell and Mrs Lucy J. Dodson (nee Turnbull)  
she having been married before and that her maiden name was Turnbull.

The affiant further states that they were married in the State of  
Texas in the County of Red River.

*Sub*

*M. R. Helley*

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1886

*Copy*

*J. H. Rappole*  
Notary Public

**End**



Arminda J. Offalter

Court no. 96

Dawes no. 14/8

Arminda J. Offalter

Offalter, *Arminda Jane*

Offalter, Alf E.,

Offalter, Charles G.,

Offalter, John F.,

Offalter, Mandy M.,

File No. ....

Office No. 58

*Arminda J. Offeller & Family*

APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

FILED BY

*Wm. F. Pyeatt*  
*Center* Ind. Ter.

Attorneys for Applicant.

# APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

United States of America, Indian Territory, ss.

THE HON. HENRY L. DAWES, CHAIRMAN DAWES COMMISSION, VINITA, I. T.

Your petitioner, the undersigned, being duly sworn on 21 oath, respectfully states that Her name is Arminda Jane, age 28 years.  
 post office address Comanche, I. T., and that she is and her husband A. E. Offutt intermarried entitled by blood to citizenship in the Indian Territory for the following reasons:  
 That she is the Great Grand child of John Cooper who was a Choctaw Indian and married Nancy Ann Allen long years ago. And had by this marriage (7) children to wit: William Houston, Polly, Delia, Henry, Perry, Harise, and Elizabeth. Of these children William Houston (who is my Grand Father) was intermarried to Barbara Balbrook about the year 1824. And had by this marriage (8) children to wit: Sally, Nancy, John, Rebecca, Lane, Samuel, Caroline and Linda. Of these

children, Caroline is the 7th child is my Mother and was intermarried to G. W. Campbell in Johnson County Ark. about the year 1872. Of this marriage she had (2) children, Arminda Jane, and Nancy Elizabeth, of which I am the 1st child and was married to on the 18th day of May 1891, to A. E. Offutt. my present husband, in Pope County Ark.  
 Of my marriage I have (3) children to wit: Charles B. John F. and Mandy M. All living and are true and lawful children



That her family and relationship consists of the following named persons: My Husband  
Alfred Offalter age 28 years, and (3) children, as follows:  
Charles G. John F and Maudy M.

And respectfully asks to be enrolled, together with each member of her family, as a member of  
the Choctaw Indians in the Indian Territory.

Your petitioner states the above facts as the lawful grounds of her application for citi-  
zenship in the said Choctaw Nation, and prays that her claim may be investigated by  
your honorable body and that she be adjudged to be a citizen of said Choctaw Nation  
of Indians and entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to such citizenship in accordance  
with the laws and treaties made with the said Nation of Indians.

WITNESS my hand, on this 13 day of Aug, 1896.

Witnesses:

M. B. Arnold  
M. B. Arnold

Arminda, Jane Offalter  
mark

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 13 day of  
Aug, 1896, and I certify that the said Arminda Jane Offalter is a  
responsible and creditable person worthy of belief, and that I am not interested in the matter to which this  
Maudy relates

WITNESS my hand and seal of office on this 13 day of Aug, 1896.

W. G. Mann  
Notary Public  
Se. Dist. 24

My Com Expires June 21 1899

Appt of Barthina  
Cooper

as on many, as given above, &c. &c.  
of me that I am not interested  
directly nor indirectly in the  
matter to which this evidence  
relates to.

Witness my hand this 8th day  
of December 1894. Geo.  
Hinsdale, Barthina & Cooper

John Johnson } made

W. D. Henderson } Dubois & Brown  
at large on this 8th day of Dec. 1894

(1894)

W. D. Henderson  
Notary Public

Indian Territory } On this day per-  
County of Pickens } sonally appeared  
before me C. D. Lusk, a Notary Public  
in and for the County <sup>and</sup> Territory  
aforesaid. Parthena Cooper who being  
duly sworn deposes and says that  
she is ninety years old and lives  
near Comanche, I.T.; and that  
she is the widow of William  
Cooper who died in Pope County  
Arkansas about the year 1866,  
I was married to said William  
Cooper in Perry County Tennessee  
A.D. 1820. I know that my hus-  
band William Cooper was a  
son of John Cooper, and that  
John Cooper lived and died in Perry  
County Tennessee about the year  
of 1830, whose name is on the  
records as a Choctaw Indian  
at Tusahoma I.T.; And that  
I am the mother of Narcissa Caroline  
Campbell and that she was the wife  
of G.W. Campbell, and that my  
husband William Cooper recog-  
nized her as his own daughter  
And that Armina Jane Offutt  
is the daughter of Narcissa Caroline

affid of Barthena  
Cooper

Campbell and that Arminda Jane  
Offalter is my Grand-daughter,  
and further that I know my  
husband William Cooper was a  
nephew of Isaac Cooper who  
lived and died in North Carolina  
many years ago whose name  
is recorded on the Choctaw Records  
as an Indian at Tusahoma, T.T.  
I further know that Norcissa  
Caroline Campbell, my daughter,  
and her daughter Arminda Jane  
Offalter, are related by blood to  
Susan Cash and William Cash whose  
names appear on the Choctaw Records  
as Indians, at Tusahoma, T.T.  
And that I am not interested  
directly nor indirectly in the  
matter to which this evidence  
pertains to.

Witness my hand this the 8<sup>th</sup> day  
of December 1894

Witnesses: Barthena Cooper

John J. Flour }  
H. S. Sanders } Subscribed and sworn  
to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Decr. '94

(Seal)

C. P. Linn  
Notary Public



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|--|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | <p>Affidavit of<br/><i>W. B. Arnold</i></p> <p>Witness in Claim of<br/><i>Arminda J. Offall</i><br/>for citizenship in <i>Choctaw</i> Nation</p> |
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# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

STATE OF Ind. Tex  
COUNTY OF La. Dist

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared N. B. Arnold June 21st 1899, who after being duly sworn states that he is 41 years of age, and is a citizen of Michoud County and State of Ind. Tex, and that he is personally acquainted with Arminda Jane Appeller and family who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Arminda Jane Appeller is the identical person she represents

her self to be in her application for citizenship in said Nation and that the said Arminda Jane Appeller is the lawful daughter of Levantine Appeller formerly Levantine Appeller and that she is the lawful wife of the said W. E. Appeller and her husband and by her marriage to him they have (3) children to wit Charles E. Appeller, John F. Appeller, Maudy M. Appeller all now living and the lawful children of the said Arminda Jane Appeller and her husband W. E. Appeller

Affiant further states that he has known the said Arminda Jane Appeller for the past 16 years and knows that she is and has been recognized and treated by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Arminda Jane Appeller indicate that the said Appellant is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to me by the said Arminda Jane Appeller Affiant believes he has every reason to believe that the said Appellant is of Cherokee Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Appellant to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of Aug, A. D., 1899 and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said N. B. Arnold and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

My Commission expires on 21 day of June, 1899 Ed. Diet. 289  
N. B. Arnold Notary Public.

Appd. of J N Miles  
in claim

Armina J Offallier  
and family

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# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

STATE OF Ind. In.

COUNTY OF Pickens

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared J. N. Aides who after being duly sworn states that he is 26 years of age, and is a citizen of Pickens County and State of Ind. In. and that he is personally acquainted with Arminda Jane Offalter and her family Who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said applicant is identical person she represents her to be in her application for citizenship in said Nation, and the said Arminda Jane Offalter the lawful daughter of Caroline Campbell (decd) formerly Caroline Campbell Cooper, and daughter of Wm Cooper who was commonly recognized and reputed to be a Choctaw Indian and was so regarded. The said Arminda J Offalter is the lawful wife of Alf. E. Offalter and by her marriage has 3 children, Charles F. John F. and Mandy M.

Affiant further states that he has known the said Arminda J Offalter for the past 20 years and knows that she is and has been recognized and treated by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Arminda J. Offalter indicate that the said applicant is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to me by the said Arminda J Offalter affiant states he and does every reason to believe that the said applicant is of Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said applicant to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

J. N. Aides

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, this 29 day of Aug, A. D., 1896, and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said J. N. Aides and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

[Signature] 15 day of Jan, 1899  
My Commission expires on the 15 day of Jan, 1899  
C. S. Link  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

Andy J. Oller

Andy J. Oller

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Oller, Andy J.,  
Oller, Sarah E.,  
Stevens, Charles,  
Oller, William A. Jessie,  
Oller, Zeller Vay,  
Oller, James Marter,  
Oller, Joe Harlen,

Copy of  
H. J. Oller &  
Sarah E. Oller



To the Hon. M. S. Commissioner for the  
Indian Territory this 4 day of September 1896  
Central Judicial District

Now come Andy J. Oller & Miss Sarah E. Rice  
Miss Sarah E. Rice Married Robert Stevens a  
Choctaw Indian by blood in the year of  
1878 and lived with Robert Steven <sup>about 9 months</sup>  
and had one child by said Robert Steven said  
child was a boy and whose names should  
appear on the Roll of Choctaw Nation my  
sons names by Robert Steven is Charles Stevens  
the above Marriage was in accordance with the  
Choctaw Law at that time said Charles  
Steven is now 18 years old I have raised said  
Boy and have had him with <sup>me</sup> all his life and  
have him with me now. after which time J.  
Sarah E. Rice and Robert Steven separated in the  
year of 1877 after which time ~~was~~ we were law-  
fully divorced under the Laws of the  
Choctaw Nation. and then Andy J. Oller  
Procured a License <sup>in 1891</sup> under the Laws of said  
Nation to marry and the said Andy J. Oller  
and Sarah E. Rice ~~is~~ the widow of the above  
mention Robert Steven which License and  
Marriage Certificate was Recorded in the County  
clerk's office in Scullyville County Choctaw  
Nation Andy J. Oller Procured a License  
from W. A. Welch <sup>in 1891</sup> he being County Judge at the time

and Married to Miss Sarah E. Rice the widow of  
Robert Stevens who was a Choctaw Indian  
by blood and are now living with Andy J.  
Oller and now have four children by  
Andy J. Oller and whose names are as  
follows to (wit) William Spezzie Oller age  
15 years old. Keller Way Oller 13 years old  
James Martin Oller age 7 years old. Joe  
Harden age <sup>Oller</sup> 2 years old. Now the said Andy  
J. Oller and Sarah E. Oller has always  
been ~~Recognized~~ Recognized by the Choctaw  
as a Citizens of the Choctaw Nation and  
that our names should appear on <sup>the</sup> Rolls of  
the Choctaw Nation Now therefore your  
Petitioner Andy J. Oller and Sarah E. Oller  
obtained our Right Choctaw Right  
after our marriage union. Sarah E. Rice or  
Sarah E. Oller she obtained her Right by her  
Marriage to Robert Stevens who is a citizen  
by blood. the said Andy J. Oller and Sarah  
E. Oller has always been allowed to go on  
and taken on Royalty Bonds and on  
Criminal Bonds and to own and hold Im-  
provements and to Purchase Improvements made  
by non Citizens when the Sheriff would  
seize and advertise and sell them to the  
highest Choctaw Bidder

also has been allowed to have as many  
Renters as was necessary to cultivated what  
ever amount of Land he would Rent to non  
Citizen. and was always Compelled to Pay  
Permits for same.

Now therefore your Petitioners Andy J.  
Oller & Sarah E. Oller would Most Respectfully  
ask of your Honors to take up our  
matter and consider our claim to the best  
of your ability and if you find from  
our statement and our evidence you find  
we are Entitled to Choctaw Citizenship  
have or cause our names to be Enrolled  
upon the Authenticated Rolls of the  
Choctaw Nation  
and in Duty Bound your Petitioner  
will Ever Pray. H.

Andy J. Oller &  
Sarah E. Oller

I Do hear By Certify that this  
a true copy and of J. Oller and Sarah E. Oller  
Certified Copy of Andy J. Oller  
& Sarah E. Oller Claim to citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation which they have  
made to the Laws Commissioners of  
the M.S. } Thos. H. Golden S. J. P.  
in the 2 Judicial Division of S. J.  
Notary Public



Edward G.

Coffee, 1/2 pint  
in 4 oz. filter  
Cost per 1/2 pint, 1/2  
in the chocolate  
note -



Indian Territory Exhibit  
Central Judicial District Affidavit  
Affiant Edward L. Coffey of Lawpall age 8  
being duly sworn deposes and says I am well  
acquainted with the Petitioners Andy J. Oller and  
and his wife Mrs Sarah E. Oller They are white  
Intermarried Citizens of the Choctaw Nation  
I am a white man residing in the Choctaw  
I have lived in the Nation about 15 years I have all  
ways lived up to the requirements of the Choctaw  
Laws I know that Andy J. Oller and Mrs  
Sarah E. Oller obtained License from the County  
Judge H. A. Welch Andy J. Oller paid W. A. Welch twenty  
five Dollars for his License Mrs W. Mary Carol E Rice  
in the year of 1894 and they married and are living to  
gether now as man and wife and have lived together ever  
since that I know that your Petitioners Right to  
Citizenship has always been Recognized by the  
Choctaw Nation

This 4 day of September 18~~94~~ 96  
I hereby certify that this is a true and correct  
Copy of Edward L. Coffey affidavit in  
Andy J. Oller and Sarah E. Oller case  
for Citizenship

a copy of  
Henry Guley  
appointed in  
and J. H. H. and  
and H. H. H.  
in citizenship in  
the Choctaw Nation

Indian Territory } Exhibit  
 Central Judicial District } Affidavit  
 Affiant Henry Hulsey of Lawfull ~~age~~  
 age being duly sworn and says I am  
 well acquainted with the Petitioners Andy  
 J. Oller and Miss Sarah E. Oller. they are  
 white Intermarried Choctaw Citizens  
 of the Choctaw Nation. I am a Choctaw  
 Indian by blood and my name should appear  
 upon <sup>Rolls</sup> the Choctaw tribe in the Choctaw  
 Nation the Choctaw. I know Andy J. Oller  
 did procure a License to marry Miss Sarah E.  
 Rice who was the widow of Robert Stevens  
 said Andy J. Oller obtained said License in <sup>1881</sup>  
 the year of 1881 and married to Sarah E. Rice  
 and are living <sup>together now as</sup> ~~with her~~ as husband and  
 wife and that they have always been recognized  
 as Citizens of the Choctaw Nation. and  
 that Andy J. Oller <sup>has</sup> always been compelled  
 to pay Permits to the County officers  
 for all the Renters that he had employed

I hereby Certify that this is a true  
 copy of affidavit of Henry Hulsey  
 sent to the Lawes Commission

Andy J. Oller and  
 Sarah E. Oller case for  
 Citizenship

L'écriture



Mr. [unclear] over  
 Emily [unclear] has it to [unclear]  
 (no other [unclear]) [unclear] concern  
 that [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
 with the provision of [unclear] marriage  
 law, [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
 in the United States a [unclear] woman  
 by filing his petition and taking the  
 Required [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
 County of [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
 grant with him the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
 License to [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
 [unclear] [unclear]

In witness whereof I have hereunto set  
 my hand and seal at [unclear] this 1st day of  
 [unclear] 1894

J. H. Welch  
 County Judge of  
 Culleyville County  
 Cherokee Nation

I here certify that the above is a true and  
 correct copy of the records as appears upon  
 Page 213 in the office of the County Clerk  
 of Culleyville County [unclear] [unclear] 1894

J. H. Welch  
 County Clerk  
 By R. J. Welch  
 Deputy

**End**

Billy oscar  
#1248

Billy  
oscar

CASE No. 68 1/2

**AFFIDAVIT**

OF

Billy C. Bear



# AFFIDAVIT.

Richard Billy age 24 and  
Dixon York (Choctaw)

and says: having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes

That he resides at Trapp, State of Mississippi  
 that he is 35 years of age; that he knows Billy Oscar  
 the claimant, and that he is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the  
 following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife (widower)  
 Husband Billy Oscar  
 Claimant's Father Captain P. S.  
 Mother Sally Billy  
 Claimant's Father's Father Jim  
 Father's Mother  
 Mother's Father  
 Mother's Mother  
 Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather  
 Indian Great Grandmother

## CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

|                        | SEX.     | AGE.     |     | SEX. | AGE. |
|------------------------|----------|----------|-----|------|------|
| 1. <u>Minnie Oscar</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>9</u> | 6.  |      |      |
| 2. <u>Nancy Oscar</u>  | <u>F</u> | <u>6</u> | 7.  |      |      |
| 3. <u>Ellie Oscar</u>  | <u>F</u> | <u>5</u> | 8.  |      |      |
| 4.                     |          |          | 9.  |      |      |
| 5.                     |          |          | 10. |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from  
 recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought  
 to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw  
 Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, 1896.

Attest names  
W. H. Stanton

Richard X Billy  
Dixon York

**End**

Thomas G. Overstreet

Thomas G. Overstreet

No. 133

Wm. G. Overstreet, Plaintiff,

vs.

The Choctaw Nation, Defendant.

PETITION FOR APPEAL.

**FILED.**

JAN 30 1897

*P. B. Stokes*

Wm. M. CRAVENS, and  
STUART, GORDON & FAILEY,

Attorneys for Choctaw Nation.



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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF THE  
INDIAN TERRITORY, AT SOKWAH McALESTER.

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Thos. G. Overstreet, Plaintiff,

vs.

PETITION FOR APPEAL.

The Choctaw Nation. Defendant.

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Comes now the Choctaw Nation by its attorneys and shows to the Court that the plaintiff, Thos. G. Overstreet, filed with the Dawes Commission his application for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation; and that on the 2nd day of December, 1896, judgment was rendered in his favor, admitting him to citizenship in said Nation.

That said plaintiff based his claim upon the ground that he was married to Margaret Victor, a Choctaw Indian woman; said marriage took place in Green County, state of Missouri. That after the death of Margaret Victor, said Thos. G. Overstreet, again, <sup>inter</sup> married with Elizabeth Yeabs, in the County of Crawford, state of Arkansas, according to the laws of Arkansas. And that said Thos. G. Overstreet was at no time married to a Choctaw citizen in accordance with the laws of the Choctaw Nation.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that the order of the Dawes Commission admitting said Thos. G. Overstreet to citizenship in said Nation be set aside, and that by the order of this Court he be declared not to be a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Wm M. Cravens

Stuart Gordon & Haily

Attorneys for Choctaw Nation.

**End**

T. J. overstreet

T. J. overstreet



Overstreet, T. J.,  
Overstreet, P. R.,  
Overstreet, J. A.,  
Overstreet, Emma,  
Rape, W. J.,  
Rape, Belle,  
Overstreet, Minnie,  
Overstreet, Clara,  
Overstreet, Mattie,  
Overstreet, Hattie,  
Overstreet, Wilmouth,  
Overstreet, Coleman

AFFIDAVIT OF

*D. J. Connish*

*Witness in claim of*

*for Citizenship in ..... Nation.*

Application for Citizenship

Before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
~~your petition~~ P. R. Overstreet & P. R. his wife -

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Choctaw Nation -

Your petitioner would most respectfully state that his name is P. R. Overstreet, that his wife's name is P. R. Overstreet. Their P. O. address is Norman OK that P. R. Overstreet is entitled to citizenship in the Indian Territory by blood and descent.

For the following reasons, to-wit: That she is of Choctaw descent and blood, that she is the daughter of John Cornick who was a son of Wm Cornick and his wife Sarah, Sarah Cornick's maiden name was Sarah Overstreet and she was a Choctaw by blood.

On the 1st of July 1869 P. R. Overstreet, was married to P. R. Overstreet which marriage is of record in County records of Lincolnton County Texas the issue of this marriage is 9 children to-wit,

J. O. Overstreet, aged 23 yrs, single at home,

Emma Overstreet " 21 " " "

Belle Overstreet age 18 Married to Mr. Roper

Minnie " 16 single

Olara " 15 " "

Mattie Overstreet, 11 yrs " "

Hattie " 8 " "

Wilmonth " age 5 "

Coleman " " 2 "

STATE OF Ind Ter  
COUNTY OF Pickens

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared J. Cornish who after being duly sworn states that he is 67 years of age, and is a citizen of Pickens County and State of Ind Ter and that he is personally acquainted with Nellie (Maude) Sallie Thompson and Orestes R. Overstreet Who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Ellen, Sallie, and P. R. is the identical person they represents themselves to be in their application for citizenship in said Nation and the said Ellen and Sallie are daughters of John Cornish my brother they are my nieces and grand daughters of Wm & Sallie Cornish. Sallie Cornish's maiden name was Sallie Pessley and as is P. R. Overstreet a daughter of John Cornish and daughter of Wm & Sarah Cornish. I know the Overstreet children J. A. Emma, Belle, Mimmie, Claire, Mattie, Walter, Wilmonette and Coleman. Sarah Pessley who married William Cornish was my mother and was known as Choctaw, and though I live all my life among white people, I yet speak Choctaw.

Affiant further states that he has known the said Ellen, Sallie, & P. R. Overstreet all their lives for the past years and knows that they and has been recognized and treated by their neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Ellen, Sallie, & P. R. Overstreet indicate that the said Ellen, Sallie, & P. R. Overstreet is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said parents of the affiant, affiant states he has every reason to believe that the said Ellen, Sallie & P. R. Overstreet is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said P. R. Overstreet applicant to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.  
J. Cornish

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, this 23 day of Sept, A. D., 1896, and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said J. Cornish and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.  
Thos M Smoot  
Notary Public.

My Commission expires on the day of 1896



STATE OF Ind Ter  
COUNTY OF Pratt

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state  
aforesaid personally appeared W W Cornish who after being duly  
sworn states that he is 53 years of age, and is a citizen of Conata  
County and State of ARK, and that he is personally acquainted with

W L W R Cornish and R Overstreet  
Who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I.T., and affiant further  
states that the said Applicants is the identical person they  
represents themselves to be in their application for citizenship in said Nation, and the said

W L W R Cornish and R Overstreet are sons of John Cornish and  
so is R Overstreet. They are nephews of mine. They have  
lived in the Choctaw Nation for several years.  
I am uncle also of R R Overstreet she is my niece and  
is sister to W L W R Cornish referred to. She is a daughter  
of John Cornish who was also of W M Cornish and his  
wife Jarah, formerly Jarah Buxley who was a  
Choctaw

Affiant further states that he has known the said applicants  
all their lives  
for the past years, and knows that they and has been recognized and treated by them  
neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person having

Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said applicants  
indicate that the said Applicants

is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to  
him by the said applicants Parents, affiant states he has  
every reason to believe that the said applicants are of Choctaw  
Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim  
of the said applicants to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

W W Cornish

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, this 29 day of August, A. D., 1896, and I  
do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with the said W W Cornish and know him  
to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.  
Thos M. Swoot  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1897

STATE OF Ind. Ter  
COUNTY OF Pickens

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state  
foresaid personally appeared Red Moore who after being duly  
sworn states that they are years of age, and is a citizen of Pickens  
County and State of Indian Territory, and that they are personally acquainted with  
H. H. Jacobs, Ellen Kooki, Sallie Thompson, & P. R. Overstreet  
Who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further  
states that the said Applicants is the identical person they  
represents themselves to be in their application for citizenship in said Nation, and the said  
Ellen Kooki, Sallie Thompson and P. R. Overstreet are  
daughters of John Cornish who was a son of Wm. Sarah  
Cornish, Sarah Cornish's maiden name was Sarah  
Kessely - she was said to be a Choctaw Indian  
It now the children of P. R. Overstreet to wit  
J. A. Emmer, Belle, Minnie, Mattie Keatie, Helen  
Wilmouth, and Coleman. I knew the father of  
P. R. Overstreet, Ellen Kooki, and Sallie Thompson  
daughters of John Cornish

Affiant further states that he has known the said Applicants  
for the past 30 years, and knows that they is and has been recognized and treated by the  
neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person having Choctaw  
Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said  
indicate that the said  
is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to  
by the said, affiant states his  
every reason to believe that the said is of  
Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim  
of the said Applicants to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

Red Moore

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, this 22 day of August, A. D., 1896, and I  
further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Red Moore and know  
to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

My Commission expires on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 189

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

Thomas Owen

#1367

Thomas Owen



State of Texas }  
Parker County }

This Day Personally appeared before me  
the undersigned Justice of the Peace and Ex-officio  
Notary Public in and for said State and County  
Thomas Owens who resides in Parker County  
After being by me duly sworn see that the  
Certified Copy of the Marriage License is  
true and correct Copy of the Original on  
Record in the Choctaw Nation

Thomas Owens

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 9 Day  
of September A.D. 1896

John Bish J. P. Ex-officio  
Notary Public in and for Parker County Texas

## MARRIAGE LICENSE.

To all whom these presents shall come, greeting know ye that I, in pursuance of an application of *Mr. Thomas Owens*, a citizen of the United States, for a license to marry *Miss Lizzie Oakes* a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, the same being in due form and satisfying the requirements of the laws of said Nation in reference to inter-marriage with non-citizens, and by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby issue this license for the above named parties to be joined together in matrimony.

Witness my hand and official seal this *4<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*

A. D. 1889

*S. I. Bacon*  
*County & Probate Clerk*  
*K. C. C. C.*

## CERTIFICATE OF SOLEMNIZATION.

This is to certify that I, in accordance with the above authority, have united  
Mr. *Thomas Owens* and Miss *Lizzie Oakes*  
the parties mentioned in the above  
license on this the *8<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*

1889  
Recorded Book *of Records* on *J. P. Gibbons Minister* pp *244*  
this *3* day of *April* 1889  
*C. M. Everidge Circuit Clerk*  
*3 Judicial District*  
*Choctaw Nation*

**End**

J. E. Park

J. E. Park



our number 898.

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J.E. & K.C. Park

vs.  
Choctaw Nation

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Notice of Appeal

Walreton & Madsen  
Attys for Applicants

Application for Citizenship (Copy)  
United States of America }  
Indian Territory }

To the Honorable Commission for the  
Five Civilized Tribes:

Your petitioners, the undersigned,  
being duly sworn on their oaths, respectfully  
state that their names are H.C. Park aged  
47 years and H. Park aged 49 years, whose  
post office address is Marlow, Chickasaw  
Nation, Indian Territory, and that they are  
entitled by blood to citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation Indian Territory, for the following  
reasons, to wit: -

That they are the Grandsons of one  
William Donaho or Donahoo, who was known  
and recognized as being a three quarter  
Choctaw Indian by blood and that the said  
William Donaho lived a great portion of  
his life in Mississippi near Natchez,  
and he what is known as being now  
Lawrence County and that either in 1844  
or 1847 he moved to Texas and the last known  
of him was in Williamson County Texas in 1873.  
That they are the children of William and  
Rebecca Park, whose maiden name was  
Rebecca Donaho, and that she was the daughter  
of the said William Donaho and his wife  
Jane Donaho.

That the family and relationship of said

N.C. Park consists of the following named persons: -

|                      |         |          |
|----------------------|---------|----------|
| Martha A. Park       | aged 48 | wife     |
| Abby Leuan (married) | " 31    | Daughter |
| W.D. Park            | " 27    | Son      |
| Bettie (Marf) Hallis | " 25    | Daughter |
| Ellie Park           | " 19    | "        |
| Sam                  | " 17    | Son      |
| Alvillard            | " 11    | "        |
| Jesse                | " 8     | "        |
| Mona                 | " 5     | Daughter |

Grandchildren

|              |        |            |
|--------------|--------|------------|
| Thomas Ward  | aged 8 | grandson   |
| Cora         | " 6    | " daughter |
| Willie       | " 4    | " "        |
| Clarra Leuan | " 8    | " "        |
| Preston      | " 6    | " Son      |
| Perry        | " 2    | " "        |
| Joseph Park  | " 1    | " "        |

That the family and relationship of said N.C. Park are as follows: -

|                          |         |          |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| Nancy C. Park            | aged 42 | wife     |
| Maggie Harbott (married) | " 25    | Daughter |
| Perry A. Park            | " 20    | Son      |
| George W.                | " 15    | "        |
| Arthur J.                | " 14    | "        |
| Frederick                | " 11    | "        |
| Julius S.                | " 9     | "        |
| Joe                      | " 6     | "        |

Grand children of King & Nancy E. Parks  
as follows:—

Harvey Horbolt aged 6 Grandson  
Adgud " " 4 " "  
Deola " " 2 Granddaughter

And respectfully asks your honorable  
Commission to be enrolled together with  
each member of their respective families  
and relationships as above named as  
members of the Choctaw Indians in the  
Indian Territory.

Your petitioners state the above  
facts as the lawful grounds of their appli-  
cation for citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation and pray that their claims  
may be investigated by your honorable  
body and that they be adjudged to be  
citizens of said Choctaw Nation of Indians  
and entitled to all the rights and privileges  
pertaining to such citizenship in accordance  
with the laws and treaties made with  
said tribe of Indians.

Witnesses our hands this the 26th day of  
August, 1896.

N. C. Park  
J. C. Park

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
the 26th day of August 1896, and I certify that—



the said S.C. and L.E. Park are responsible  
and creditable persons, worthy of belief  
and that I am not interested in the  
matter to which this application relates  
Witness my hand and official seal  
on above date written.

M. J. Glass  
Notary Public, Southern  
District, Indian Territory

Copy

Supplementary Application  
of parties of their majority.

United States of America  
Indian Territory

To the Honorable Commission  
to the Five Civilized Tribes

The undersigned your petitioners  
being duly sworn on their oaths  
respectfully state, that their names  
and ages are as follows -

Martha A Park age 48 years

Abbie Leonard " 31 "

M. D. Park " 27 "

Bettie Hollis " 25 "

Allie Park " 19 "

Nancy C. Park " 42 "

Maggie Norholt " 25 "

Ruby E Park " 20 "

and that their post office address  
is Marlow Ind. Ter. and that they are  
entitled to citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation Indian Territory for the following  
reasons to wit: -

That said Martha A Park is the  
wife of J. E. Park and said Abbie Leonard  
N. E. Park, Bettie Hollis and Allie Park  
are children of legal age of said  
J. E. & Martha A Park that said  
Nancy C. Park is the wife of H. C. Park  
and said Maggie Norholt and Ruby  
Park are the children of legal age

of said H.C. and Nancy C. Park.

That your petitioners herein base their application for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation upon the fact that said H.C. Park and I.C. Park are claimants for citizenship in said Choctaw Nation by reason of being the grandsons of Wm. Donoho, a three quarter Choctaw Indian by blood and that they are members of the families of said H.C. and I.C. Park who are of lawful age and that in case the application of H.C. and I.C. Park is favorably considered by your honorable Commission that they also be enrolled together with children of said Bettie Hall's by her first husband John Ward namely Thomas Ward, age 8 years,

Cora " " 6 "

Willie " " 4 "

and of said Abner Leonard, namely Clara Leonard age 8 years.

Preston " " 6 "

Perry " " 2 "

and of said H. Park namely Joseph Park age 1 year and said Maggie Harbolt, namely

Harry Harbolt age 6 years

Edgar " " 4 "

Stella " " 2 "

as members of said Choctaw Indians in Indian Territory and be entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to such citizenship

in accordance with the laws and  
treaties made with said nation of Indians  
situate our hands on this the 28th day of  
August 1896,

names

W. J. Park  
Abbie Leonard  
Bettie Hollis  
Allie Park  
W. E. Park

names

M. A. Park  
Maggie Harbott  
R. E. Park.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
on this 28th day of August 1896 and I certify  
that the persons signing above are responsible  
& creditable persons worthy of belief and  
that I am not interested in the matter  
to which this application relates



W. A. Proctor  
Notary Public



(Copy)

## Affidavit of Witness.

Indian Territory }  
Southern District } Before me,  
the undersigned Notary Public  
in & for the Southern District of  
Indian Territory personally  
appeared J.B. McNabb aged 73  
years a resident of Chickasaw  
Nation whose postoffice  
address is Etna, Ia. and well  
known to me to reputable & entitled  
to credit and who after being duly  
sworn declared in relation to  
the case of H.C. Park, J.E.  
Park their descendants for citizenship  
in Choctaw Nation Ind. Ter. as follows:

That he is personally acquainted  
with H.C. Park & J.E. Park who are  
applicants for citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation, Indian Territory and that they are  
the identical persons they represent  
themselves to be in their application  
for citizenship in Choctaw Nation.

That he knew them when they  
were boys & that they are the offspring  
of the marriage of William & Rebecca  
Park.

That their mother's maiden name was Rebecca Donahoe & that she & affiant were raised up together in Mississippi in what then was known as the Choctaw Purchase.

That she was the daughter of Mr. & Jane Donahoe.

That the said Mr. Donahoe was a three quarter Choctaw Indian and that he knew him well from time of his (affiant's) infancy until commencement of the war in 1861.

That said Mr. Donahoe was well liked and respected by his neighbors & acquaintances & the public generally as a person of Choctaw Indian blood & that the complexion & physical appearance of the said Mr. Donahoe indicated that he was of Indian blood.

That affiant was born in the year of 1823 in Choctaw Purchase, Miss on east side of Pearl River about 12 miles north-east of Monticello in what now known as

Lawrence C. What said Wm Donoho  
was living about 12 miles  
South of my father's from  
the earliest time I could  
remember that he was in  
a settlement composed  
principally of Choctaw Indians  
that said Wm Donoho often  
told me that the reason  
why he did not go to Choctaw  
Nation with the other Indians  
was because some of his folks  
had been there & did not  
like the country & returned.

That affiant moved from  
Miss. to Angelina Co. Texas  
in year of 1844 or either  
1846 or 1847 the said Wm  
Donoho also moved from  
Miss & settled in Tarrant Co. Texas  
and it was about the commencement  
of the war the last time he  
saw said Wm Donoho as while  
he was in Army he moved  
away from Tarrant Co.

The affiant states further  
that said Wm Donoho has often  
talked to affiant about his



Grandchildren especially K.L. & J.E.  
Park & that he recognized  
them as his grandsons—  
they being sons of his daughter  
Rebecca Park & that he treated  
them as such.

The affiant states further that  
the physical appearances &  
complexion of said K.L. &  
J.E. Park indicate them  
to be of Choctaw Indian  
blood & from his intimate ac-  
quaintance & association with their  
mother, Rebecca Park & Grandfather,  
Jas. Donahoe who were of  
Choctaw Indian blood, he  
knows from his own personal  
knowledge that they are of Choctaw Indian  
blood.

That affiant is not related either  
by Consanguinity or affinity with  
said applicants nor interested in  
their claims of Citizenship  
witnesses signed J.B. & M. Chalk  
Jas. Leflore signed J.B. & M. Chalk  
27. Dany  
Subscribed & sworn to before me  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1890

Seal } signed M. J. Glass  
Notary Public  
Southern District, Indian Territory



Affidavit of witness

(Copy)

Indian Territory  
Piedmont Co. { Before me the undersigned  
a notary public in & for the Southern  
District, Indian Territory personally  
appeared E. H. Brummett who after  
being duly sworn stated that she is  
67 years of age and is a citizen  
of Piedmont Co. State of Ind. Ter. & that  
she is personally acquainted with  
H. C. Park (also her grandfather)  
who is an applicant for citizenship  
in Choctaw Nation, Ind. Ter.  
and affiant further stated that  
the said H. C. Park is the identical  
person he represents himself  
to be in his application for  
citizenship in the said Nation  
& that the said H. C. Park is a  
grandson of Wm. Dancho whom  
I knew for many years in the  
State of Miss. & know that  
Wm. Dancho was of Choctaw  
blood.

Affiant further states that she has  
known the said H. C. Park for the  
past 18 years & know that he is & has  
been recognized & treated by his  
neighbors acquaintances & the

public generally as a person having  
Choctaw Indian blood & that the  
Complexion & physical appearance  
of the said K.C. Park indicate  
the said K.C. Park is of Indian  
blood.

That from the above facts & cir-  
cumstances & from the statements  
made to me by the said Mrs  
Dando's affiant states she  
has ever reason to believe  
that the said K.C. Park is  
of Choctaw Indian blood.  
Affiant further states she  
has no interest whatever  
in the prosecution of the  
claim of the said K.C. Park  
to Citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation, Indian Territory.

The affiant also further  
states that she is recognized  
as a citizen of DeKalb Co.  
Ind. Ter.

Signed E.H. Brummett  
Subscribed & sworn to before  
this the 10th day of August,  
A.D. 1896 I D further certify

that I am well acquainted  
with said C. B. Bennett  
& know her to be a person  
of credibility & truth &  
veracity

Witness my hand & Seal  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires  
on 24th day of March, 1901  
(copy)

Indian Territory  
Southern District & Affidavit

Before me the undersigned  
authority personally appeared  
Martin Palmer & respectfully  
states upon his oath that he  
is sixty one years old, that  
he is now a resident of  
Indian Territory Cheesaw Nation  
Decker's County and his  
postoffice address is Graham,  
Ind. Ter. and affiant further  
states that he is personally  
acquainted with H. L. Park  
who is an applicant  
for Citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation, Ind. Ter. and affiant  
further states that the said



K.C. Park is the son of Rebecca  
Park nee Rebecca Donahoe or  
Donahoe Affiant further  
states that Rebecca, mother of  
K.C. Park was a daughter of  
Donahoe or Donaho.

Affiant further states that  
he well knew William Donahoe  
and knew him to be about a  
three quarter Choctaw Indian  
Affiant further states that he  
married Matilla White who  
was a Grand daughter  
of William Donahoe & that  
William Donahoe or Donaho  
was at his wedding and said  
to him immediately after  
marriage "Young man you  
ought now to go to the  
Choctaw Territory and get  
your a home ~~your wife~~  
is an Indian ~~your wife~~  
you'll go I'll go with  
you and see that you get  
a home that I'll see that  
your wife is acknowledged  
Affiant further states that



he well knows J.B. McNabb  
a witness in this cause and  
has known him about  
thirty five years.

That he had after heard  
Wm Donaho speak of the said  
J.B. McNabb very intimately  
and knows the said Wm  
Donaho to be the identical  
person the said J.B. McNabb  
says he is

Affiant further states that he knew  
the Donaho family well and well  
knows the said H.C. Park  
to be the identical person  
he claims himself to be  
-that is that he the said H.C.  
Park is the grand son  
of the said Wm Donaho and that  
the said Wm Donaho was  
a Choctaw Indian about a  
three quarter and was always  
treated and known by neighbors  
as a Choctaw.

Affiant further states that  
in conversation with the  
at one time he the said Wm Donaho  
said Wm Donaho said to him from  
Affiant that he the said Wm

Donaho had resided in Mississippi  
(Affiant that last he knows of  
Wm Donaho was in 1873 in  
Williamson Co. Texas  
as a Choctaw so that if any  
of his children should ever  
want to go to the Indian Territory  
they could have a home. This  
conversation took place in  
Williamson Co. Texas about  
28 years ago some two or three  
months after I was married  
and after the said Wm Donaho  
had left Smith Co. Texas and also  
Navarro Co. Texas.

Affiant further states that he has  
known the said H.L. Park for  
28 years that the said H.L. Park  
has always been recognized  
by his neighbors who knew  
as a person of Choctaw blood  
that the complexion and  
physical appearance of the  
said H.L. Park indicate that he  
is of Indian blood

Affiant further states that  
from the above facts & from

other matters of family history  
he has every reason to believe  
and does believe that the said  
H.C. Park is of Choctaw  
Indian blood.

Affiant further states that  
what is above said of H.C.  
Park also applies to <sup>his</sup>  
brother <sup>J.E. Park</sup> and children of the  
same mother & grandsons  
of Mrs. Danks

That it is the impression  
and remembrance of your  
affiant that he spelled his  
name "Danks"

(Signed) Martin Palmer  
Sworn to and subscribed to before  
me this 24th day of August

1896  
(Seal)

Notary  
Southern  
Territory

M. J. Glass

Public in for the  
District of the Indian

Affidavit

Wm C. Park  
vs

Choctaw Nation

Copy of

Wm C. Park  
in



*Affidavit of Witness*

Indianer, }  
Southern Dist. } S.B. (Copy)  
Pike Co.

I, *James M. the undersigned*  
a Notary Public, in and for the County and  
State of *Arkansas*, personally appeared  
*Wm. P. King* who after being by me duly  
sworn states that he is <sup>separated</sup> *single* and  
a citizen of *Cleveland County, Okla-*  
*homa* and that he is personally acquaint-  
ed with *H. C. Park*, who is an applicant  
for citizenship in the *Choctaw Nation* and  
further states that the said  
*H. C. Park* is the identical person he  
represents himself to be in his application  
for citizenship in the said Nation and that  
the said *H. C. Park* is a grandson of  
*Wm. Donahoe* or *Donoho* whom I knew  
personally in the State of *Mississippi*  
as far back as about the year of *1870*  
said *William Donahoe* I personally  
knew to be a *part* *Choctaw Indian* and  
was so known and acknowledged by his  
neighbors to be an Indian, he being quite  
dark and he himself never denied, but  
acknowledged on all occasions when  
necessary that he was an Indian by  
blood. I moved from *Miss.* with  
*Wm. Donahoe* to *Ark. Co. Tex.* in the year  
about *1877*. I and the said *H. C. Park's*  
mother would have married had we

parents ~~had~~ not interfered, - objecting to my marriage because she was an Indian. Therefore H.C. Park is Indian by both father and mother side. That I well know of my own knowledge.

Affiant further states he has known the said King C. Park for the past forty four years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors acquaintances and the public generally, as a person having Choctaw Indian blood; and that the complexion, physical appearance, language and manners of said King C. Park indicate that the said King C. Park is of Indian blood.

That from the above facts and circumstances and from statement made to me by the said King C. Park.

Affiant further states that he has every reason to believe, and does believe that the said King C. Park is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said King C. Park to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, and that he is not related by blood or marriage to the said King C. Park.

Signed Wm. Piles

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1893.  
and I further ~~state~~ certify that I am  
well acquainted with the said Wm. Piles  
and know him to be a person of  
credibility and of truth and veracity.

W. C. Thompson  
Notary Public

Qual.

My commission expires on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
day of May 1894.



Indian Territory } Affiant  
Southern District }

Before me the undersigned authority personally appeared Wm. Samuel Hudson to me and stated upon his oath that he is 29 years of age a resident citizen of the Indian Territory and that his postoffice address is Marlow, Ok. Wm. Samuel Hudson D. L. Park his wife, Martha A. and further states that he knows W. J. Park, Abby Leonard and Bettie Hall their married children and also their unmarried children as follows: Sam, William, Jesse, Nora & Allie. Affiant further states that he knows their grandchildren as follows:

Thomas, Cora & Mellie ward the children of Bettie Hall by John ward her first husband & Clara Preston Perry Leonard the children of Abby & Bert Leonard. And Joseph Park the child of W. J. & Emma Park. Affiant further states that he knows King C. & Nancy A. Park and knows their children as follows: Maggie Harbolt Perry A., George W., Andrew J., King R., Lewis S., and Joe and he also knows the grandchildren of King C. & Nancy A. Park as follows:

Larry, Edgar & Desha Harbolt, the children of Maggie & Willie Harbolt. Affiant further states that he has known the D. L. Park & King C. Park for three years and their families in the Indian Territory.



Affiant further states that he has known  
the said J.B. & King Co. Pauls claimed  
Choctaw Blood and it has been his  
impression that they were of Choctaw  
Ancestry.

Affiant further states that he is not  
instructed in any way of the prosecution, judgment  
or final decision of the application of either  
of the parties heretofore listed.

(Signed) J. M. Daniel

Subscribed & sworn to before me this  
the 25th day of August 1896.

Seal Signed W. B. Wilkerson  
Notary Public

Indian Territory } Affidavit.  
Southern District }

Before me the undersigned  
authority personally appeared A.H.  
McLornigal known to me and  
states upon his oath that he is  
25 years old and a resident of the  
Indian Territory and that his post  
office address is Morlora, Indian Territory,  
and well knows H.C. Park and his  
wife Martha A. and further states  
that he knows, W.J. Park, Abby Leonard,  
and Betty Hollis their married children  
and also their unmarried children  
as follows, Sam, Willard, Nora &  
Allie.

Affiant further states that he  
knows their grand children as follows:  
Thomas, Cora & Willie Ward, the children  
of Betty Hollis by her first husband  
John Ward, also,  
Clara, Preston and Perry Leonard, the children  
of Abby and Bert Leonard; and Joseph  
Park the child of W.J. and Emma Park.  
Affiant further states that he knows  
their children as follows: - Maggie  
Harbott (married), Perry A., George W.,  
Andrew, King R., Louis S., and Joe,  
and he also knows the grandchildren  
of King C. and Nancy Park as follows:

Howe, Edgar and Ada, Norholt, the  
children of Maggie and Willis  
Norholt.

Affiant further states that he has  
known the said J.C. and Alice C. Park,  
and their families for fifteen years in  
the territory.

Affiant further states that since  
he was big enough to remember  
the said J.C. Park and Alice C. Park and  
their families to claim Choctaw blood  
and they have been considered by the  
Communital community of  
Choctaw ancestry.

Affiant further states that he is not  
interested in the prosecution, judgment  
or final decision of the claim of  
either of the parties heretofore listed  
signed, S. H. McLaughlin.

Sworn to and subscribed to on this  
the 20th day of August 1896 A.D.

W. S. Wilkinson  
Notary Public in and for the  
Southern District of the Indian Territory



In the United States Court for the  
Southern District of the Indian  
Territory At Ardmore.

J. E. & H. C. Park et al. } Application  
vs } for  
Choctaw Nation (Citizenship)

To Choctaw Nation or their  
Attorney of record, C. B. Stuart:  
You are hereby  
notified that on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
day of January, 1897, we will as  
attorneys for the above applicants  
file an application for an  
Appeal in the above-styled cause  
in United States Court for Southern  
District of Indian Territory At Ardmore  
Tulsa & March  
Attorneys for Applicants  
J. C. B. Stuart, attorney for the Choctaw  
Nation hereby waive notice of the  
application for an appeal in  
the above-styled cause for Citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation

Attorney for Choctaw Nation



**End**

Aaron Parker

Aaron Parker

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Application of Aaron Parker and  
William Parker for citizenship in  
the Choctaw Nation of Tribe of Indians.  
Commission to the Five  
Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, I. T.

The undersigned your petitioners  
would respectfully represent that they  
are Choctaw Indians by blood - that  
they are brothers and the sons of  
James Parker who was the son of  
Tabitha Parker, nee Folsom, who was  
the daughter of John Folsom who was  
a half-breed Choctaw Indian and  
duly registered as such and who  
lived in Union County, Mississippi.

Affiants further state that their  
names do not appear on the rolls  
of said Choctaw Nation, and that  
no court or committee is now organ-  
ized in existence or legally con-  
stituted to pass upon their claims -  
Wherefore, your petitioners pray for  
judgment for recognition as citizens  
of said Choctaw Nation by blood and  
for enrollment as such.

Affiants further state that they  
are now living at Durant, Choc-

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law Nation, Indian Territory, that  
they formerly lived in Mississippi  
and came to the Indian Territory  
for the purpose of proving their citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation, that they have  
been in the Indian Territory three years  
and two years respectively, and that on  
account of the great expense they  
have not been able to have their  
claim passed upon by the Council  
of said Choctaw Nation.

(Signed)

Naron Parker

(Signed)

William Parker

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 3<sup>d</sup> day of September 1896 and I  
do certify that the affiants are  
well known to me to be the persons  
they represent themselves to be and  
that they are credible and reputable  
men.

W. D. Poole

Notary Public



Copy

*Affidavit of Heirs.*

In the matter of the claim of  
Aaron Parker and William Parker to  
citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Indian Territory }  
Central Ind Dist }

Before me W. L. Boole a  
notary public in and for the above  
named District & State personally  
appeared Jane Nelson who after  
being duly sworn according to law  
deposes and says:

My name is Jane Nelson,  
I am 67 yrs old, my post office is  
Dorant Ind. Ter., I am a full blood  
Choctaw Indian and am duly  
registered as such.

I know Aaron Parker and  
William Parker, they are the sons of  
James Parker who was the son of John Parker  
and Tabitha Parker. Tabitha Parker was the  
daughter of John Folsom who was a half-  
breed Choctaw Indian. I knew John Folsom  
and his daughter Tabitha in Mississippi  
and I knew them when they were in  
the Indian Territory. I knew James

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Parker their son when they were in the  
Indian Territory. John Folsom was on  
the rolls of the Choctaw Nation. I  
know that he drew money from the  
United States as a Choctaw Indian.

They lived in the same house  
in which I was living, before  
they went back to Mississippi.

James Parker was a son of John  
Parker and Tabitha Parker, nee Folsom.

They all went back to Mississippi.

(Signed) Jane <sup>her</sup> Nelson  
mark

Witness to mark: J. E. Nelson

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 7th day of September,  
1896.

W. D. Pease M. J.  
Circuit Judge Dist. C.

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*Affidavit of Witness:*

In the matter of the claim of  
Aaron Parker and William Parker for citizen-  
ship in the Choctaw Nation.

Indian Territory } S.S.  
Central Jud. Dist. }

Before me H. L. Poole a  
notary public in and for the Central  
Judicial Dist. Indian Territory, personally  
appeared John Holden, well known to  
me to be the person he represents  
himself to be and I do certify that he  
is reputable and entitled to credit  
as a witness, and who after being  
duly sworn deposes and says:

My name is John Holden,  
I am 65 years of age. My post office  
is Roberta, D. T. I know Aaron  
Parker and William Parker, and  
have known them two years. I knew  
John Folsom in Mississippi. He was  
a half-breed Choctaw Indian, and  
was recognized as such. I knew  
Tabitha Folsom a daughter of John  
Folsom. I knew John Folsom and  
his daughter after they came to the

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Indian Territory from Mississippi.  
They located near Doakville I. T.  
Tabitha Folsom married John Parker.  
I saw them after they were married —  
John Parker was a whiteman. Tabitha  
Folsom was part Chickasaw Indian also,  
I remember that she drew some money  
from the United States as a Chickasaw  
Indian. The amount she drew was \$9<sup>21</sup>-. Her  
father John Folsom was not allowed to draw any  
money as he was a Choctaw Indian. Tabitha  
Folsom was married to John Parker at the  
time she drew the money as a Chickasaw  
Indian. John Folsom and John Parker and Tabitha  
Parker went back to Mississippi and I  
heard that they had died there.

Affiant further states that he is a  
full-blood Choctaw Indian and that he  
has no interest in this claim and  
is not concerned in its prosecution.

John <sup>his</sup> ~~mark~~ Holder

Witness to mark:

J E Nelson

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 3<sup>d</sup> day of September 1896.

W D Peale No  
Cent for Dist I D.



**End**

Hosey Parks  
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Hosey Parks

Parks, Hosey,  
Parks, Nancy M.,  
Parks, Mary H.,  
Parks, W. T.,  
Parks, R. H.,  
Parks, J. T.,

BEFORE THE HONORABLE DAVES COMMISSION, AND THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR  
OF THE CHOCTAW INDIAN NATION.

Comes now Hosey Parks, your petitioner, and represents  
that that he is a Choctaw Indian by blood, and is entitled to  
Indian Citizenship in said Choctaw Indian Nation, and that his  
children are also entitled to Indian Citizenship in said Choctaw  
Indian Nation.

Your petitioner further represents that he is a married  
man and is the father of <sup>four</sup> ~~six~~ children, named and aged as follows:  
Nancy M. Parks, aged 19 years; Mary E. Parks, aged 10 years;  
M. T. Parks, aged 7 years; R. H. Parks, aged 5 years and J. T.  
Parks aged 3 years, that all of the above named children are now  
living.

Petitioner represents that under the constitution and  
laws and usages of said Choctaw Indian Nation, and the Acts of  
Congress pertaining thereto, he and his said children are entitled  
to be placed upon the rolls of said Choctaw Indian Nation, and are  
entitled to all the benefits flowing and resulting therefrom, and  
are entitled to be duly admitted to full citizenship in said  
Choctaw Indian Nation.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that a time and place  
may be by you named, when he can fully present proof and be heard  
in support of his claim to citizenship in said Choctaw Indian  
Nation, and that upon a hearing thereof, he and his said children  
may be placed on the rolls of said Choctaw Indian Nation as citizens  
thereof.



Hosey Parks  
 By Redick, Lewis & Snyder  
 His Attorneys, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory.

Choctaw Nation  
Indian Territory      SS.

Hosey Parks of lawful age, being by me first duly sworn according to law, on oath deposes and says:

That he is the petitioner mentioned in said application for citizenship, and that he has heard read the within and foregoing petition and understands the contents thereof, and that the allegations, matters and things therein contained are true.

Subscribed

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above named Hosey Parks on this 24 day of August, A. D., 1896.

John W. Gilmore  
Notary Public

**End**

Thomas J. Parks  
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Thomas J. Parks

Parks, Thomas J.,

Parks, Komas,

Parks, Hattie,

Parks, S. W.,

Parks, A. L.,

Parks, J. L.



BEFORE THE HONORABLE DAWES COMMISSION, AND THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR  
OF THE CHOCTAW INDIAN NATION.

Comes now Thomas J. Parks, your petitioner, and represents and shows that he is entitled to Indian Citizenship in the Choctaw Indian Nation, and that said right to citizenship is by virtue of Choctaw Indian blood which your petitioner has.

Petitioner represents that under the constitution, laws customs and usages of said Choctaw Indian Nation, and the Acts of Congress and treaties with said Choctaw Indians, he is entitled to be placed on the rolls of said Choctaw Indian Nation, and is entitled to all the benefits flowing and resulting therefrom.

Your petitioner further represents that his family consists of the following children, each and all of whom are also entitled to citizenship in said Choctaw Indian Nation, as follows, to-wit:

Komas Parks, aged 23 years; Hattie Parks, aged 17 years; S. W. Parks male, 10 years of age; A. L. Parks, male 8 years of age; and J. L. Parks, male 6 years of age.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that a time and place may be by you named when he can fully present proof and be heard in support of his claim to citizenship in said Choctaw Nation, and that upon a hearing thereof, he and each of his said children may be placed on the rolls of said Choctaw Indian Nation as citizens thereof.

By Thomas J. Parks.  
Redick Lewis Snyder His Attorneys.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory.

Choctaw Nation      ss.  
Indian Territory

Thomas J. Parks of lawful age, being first duly sworn according to law, on oath deposes and says:

That he is the petitioner mentioned in said application for citizenship, and that he has heard read the within and foregoing petition for citizenship and understands the contents thereof, and that the allegations, statements, matters and things therein contained are true.

Thomas J. Parks

Subscribed and sworn to by the above named Thomas J. Parks, before me on this 26 day of August, A. D., 1896.

John T. Gibbons

Notary Public

**End**

W.W. Parks

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W.W. Parks



Parks, W. W.,  
Parks, Dolly,  
Parks, Glido,

BEFORE THE HONORABLE DAVES COMMISSION? AND THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR  
OF THE CHOCTAW INDIAN NATION.

Comes now W. W. Parks and ~~Billy Parks~~, your petitioners,  
and represent and show that they are husband and wife, and that <sup>H.H.</sup>  
~~they and each of them are~~ <sup>Parks is a</sup> Choctaw Indians by blood, and are entitl-  
ed to Indian Citizenship in the Choctaw Indian Nation.

Petitioners, and each of them represent that under the  
constitution, laws and usages of said Choctaw Indian Nation, and  
the Acts of Congress pertaining thereto, they and each of them are  
entitled to be placed upon the rolls of said Choctaw Indian Nation,  
and are entitled to all the benefits flowing and resulting there-  
from. Petitioners represent that as a result of their said marri-  
age there has been born to them, and now living, one child Glide  
Parks by name, aged nine months.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that a time and place  
may be by you named when they can fully present proof and be heard  
in support of their claim to citizenship in said Choctaw Indian  
Nation, and that upon a hearing thereof they, and each of them, and  
their said child may be placed on the rolls of said Choctaw Indian  
Nation as citizens thereof.

H. H. Parks

Billy Parks

By Redick Lewis Snyder

Their Attorneys. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory.

Choctaw Nation :  
Indian Territory : SS.

W. W. Parks and Delly Parks, each for themselves and not for the other, of lawful age, being by me each duly sworn according to law, on oath depose and say:

That they are the petitioners mentioned in said application for citizenship, and that they have each heard read the within and foregoing petition for citizenship and understand the contents thereof, and that the allegations and matters and things therein contained are true.

W. W. Parks

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above named W. W. Parks and Delly Parks, on this the 24 day of August, A. D., 1896.

John T. Gilmore

Notary Public

**End**



Mary E. Parnell

Mary E. Parnell

Parnell, Mary E.,

Parnell, James H. (?)

No

Mary E Parnell  
vs

Shedaw Nation

South McAlester, L. T. Sept. 'th, 1896.

Received this day papers purporting to be copies in the claim of Man  
O. Parnell for Choctaw Citizenship  
as follows; Petition, ~~marriage licence~~ and marriage certificate and  
affidavits of Campbell Safford 66

Stuart Gordon & Hailey  
Attorneys for the Choctaw Nation/



application  
May Powell

BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of  
2402 *Mary Parnell* Applicant for  
enrollment as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

YOUR APPLICANT Mrs *Mary Parnell*, respectfully  
represents to this Honorable Commission that she is a regularly recognized member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians of the Choctaw Nation and is entitled to be placed upon the rolls, to be prepared by this Honorable Commission as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians on the following grounds, to-wit:

1st. There is no true and perfect roll of the members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians and no law or authority for the Choctaws to make such a roll.

2nd. On the *18* day of *March* 187*2* your applicant was a white woman and a citizen of the United States and on said day was legally married to *James H. Parnell*, who was then and is now a regularly recognized member by blood, of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, a copy of the marriage certificate is hereto attached and marked Exhibit "A," and made a part hereof.

That there was not then nor is there now, any law of the Choctaw Nation authorizing the issuing of a marriage license and it was and now is the established custom for Choctaw men to marry white women without a license from the Choctaw Nation and by such marriage white women become members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians and are so recognized by the Choctaw authorities.

Your applicant files herewith the affidavit of *Gambell Leflon*  
as additional proof of the citizenship of said *J. H. Parnell* and  
the custom among the Choctaws and asks to be placed upon the rolls as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians *Mary L. Parnell*  
*mark* *3*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the  
day of *Sept* 1896

*L. J. J. J. J.*  
Notary Public for the Central District of the Indian Territory.

affidavit of  
Frank Foster

BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of  
Mrs. *Mary E. Parnell* Applicant for  
enrollment as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

BE IT REMEMBERED That on this the *8* day of *Sept* 1896,

personally appeared before me the undersigned authority

*Thomas Nolen*

who having been by me first duly sworn according

to law states on his oath as follows:

I am *66* years old, I am a resident of *Sugarloaf* county of the  
Choctaw Nation and a recognized member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians. I have known  
Mrs. *Mary E. Parnell* and her husband for *26* years.  
her husband is a member, by blood, of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians and was such at the time he  
married *J. H. Parnell*, I knew his father and mother and they  
were recognized members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, Mrs. *Mary E*  
*Parnell* has ever since her marriage been a recognized member of said  
Tribe.

At the time of Mrs. *Mary E. Parnell* marriage to  
*J. H. Parnell* it was the custom among the Choctaws for Indian  
men to marry white women without a license and license was not granted. That custom still  
prevails and white women who marry Indian men become members of said Tribe.

*Thomas Nolen*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the  
*8<sup>th</sup>* day of *September* 1896.

*Willis Reichert*

Notary Public for the Central District of the Indian Territory.



Exhibit A & B

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I Neil Gist am acting as duly  
Commissioned Justice of the Peace  
in and for the County of Scott in  
the State of Arkansas do hereby  
Certify that on 18 day of March  
1872 at the County of Scott in the  
State of Arkansas I did duly join  
in Marriage of H. Parrish of the  
Choctaw Nation aged 21 years and  
May E. Ruddell of the County of Scott  
State of Arkansas aged about 18  
years and then and there declared  
them to be husband and wife.

Given under my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day  
of March 1872. Neil Gist J. P.  
Filed for Record April 15<sup>th</sup> 1872.

L. D. Gilbroth Clerk and  
Ex officio Recorder.

State of Arkansas, I L. D. Gilbroth  
County of Scott Ex Clerk and  
Ex officio Recorder for Scott County  
Arkansas do certify that the above  
and foregoing transcript is a true  
and complete and perfect copy  
of the record of the Marriage Certif-  
icate of H. Parrish & May E. Ruddell  
as the same appears from the  
records of my office. I further  
certify that Neil Gist - whose name  
appears above as J. P. was at  
the time of the solemnizing of  
the rite of Matrimony between

**End**

C. C. Passmore

C. C. Passmore



BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE  
CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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C . C . P A S S M O R E

VS.

CHICKASAW & CHOCTAW NATIONS.

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APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.  
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POTTER & POTTER.

C. C. PASSMORE :: APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP PENDING  
VS. :: REPORT THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE  
CHICKASAW & CHOCTAW NATIONS: CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSION: -

Your applicant shows that he is a resident citizen of Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation. That he is a white man and was a citizen of the United States prior to the 25th day of June, 1866, though he had then lived in the Chickasaw Nation for a number of years. That on the 25th day of June, 1866, he was lawfully married to Eliza Gibson, who then resided in the Choctaw Nation, but who had been raised in the Chickasaw Nation. That said Eliza Gibson was both a Chickasaw and Choctaw Indian by blood. That she was one-half Chickasaw, her mother being a Chickasaw Indian of full blood. That she was one-fourth Choctaw, her father being one-half Choctaw. That said marriage was contracted and celebrated under and according to the laws of the Choctaw Nation. That immediately after said marriage this applicant carried his wife to his home in Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation. This applicant further states that he and his wife Eliza lived together only for a short time, about fifteen (15) days, when she made up her mind to abandon him and return to her home. That this was without any fault on the part of this applicant. That he gave his wife no cause at all for the said separation. That he married her in good faith and sought to make her his wife. That he was as kind to her as he knew how to be. That he was not only willing but anxious to reside with her, but soon after their marriage she conceived an antipathy for him, or at least an over-weening desire to go back to her

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people, and over the protest of this applicant and that of her father she abandoned this applicant and ~~him~~ <sup>his</sup> home and has never since returned. That afterwards, in about the year 1890, this applicant obtained a divorce from the said Eliza in the courts of the Chickasaw Nation, and ever since his said marriage this applicant has lived in the Chickasaw Nation in Pickens County, claiming to be a citizen by reason of his said marriage, and he has been recognized and treated as a citizen by the authorities of said Nation, but he is advised and believes that his name does not appear upon the roll of citizenship of either of said tribes of Indians. This applicant further shows that he had rather be admitted to citizenship in the Chickasaw Nation, if, in the opinion of this Honorable Commission, he is entitled to such, but if not, he would like to be admitted to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

WHEREFORE he makes this application, and upon final hearing he prays that the same be granted and that this applicant's name be enrolled upon the roll of citizenship kept by the Chickasaw Nation, but if this is denied, he prays in the alternative that his name be enrolled upon the roll of the Choctaw Nation.

Butter & Butler  
ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANT.

I, C. C. PASSMORE, do on oath state that the matters and things set forth in the above and foregoing application are true, and that my post office address is Velma, Indian Territory.

C. C. Passmore

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 1896.

(Seal)

William T. Gicks  
Notary Public and Commissioner  
exp. April 14<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Before the Commis-  
sion to the Five ci-  
vilized Tribes.

C. C. Passmore  
vs  
Chickasaw & Cho-  
ctaw Nations.

Evidence to sustain  
Applications



INDIAN TERRITORY ::

COUNTY DIVISION :: PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED  
authority, Harrietta Sellers, who, on oath, deposes and says:

I am well acquainted with C. C. Passmore, who lives near Velma,  
Indian Territory. I reside in Adkins County, Chickasaw Nation.  
I have known the said Passmore for a number of years, and know that  
in the year 1886 he married Eliza Gibson, an Indian woman, said to  
be Chickasaw and Choctaw Indian mixed. They lived together after  
their marriage for some fifteen (15) or twenty (20) days. During  
that time I was at their house frequently and they seemed to get  
along very agreeably together. Soon after their marriage the said  
Eliza voluntarily left the home of the said C. C. Passmore and  
abandoned him. She told me a day or two before she left him, when  
we were in the garden together, that she would rather live with  
the Indians than with the white folks and that she was going to  
quit living with her husband and wanted me to tell her husband that  
she was going to quit him and go back to the Indians. Soon after  
this the father of Mrs. Passmore was at the house of the said Pass-  
more and I heard him ~~ask~~ try to get his daughter, the said Eliza,  
to continue to live with her husband and not to quit him, and he  
told her that her husband loved her well for her and that he was a  
good and kind husband to her, and that she ought not to leave him,  
and the said Mrs. Passmore continued to express her intention of  
leaving her husband, and a few days later she did quit him. I  
was present when she left, and when she went to go her husband told  
her that he had married her in good faith and wanted her to be his  
wife and protested against her leaving, but she said she was going  
to leave him and tried to get him to leave her and told him if he

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did not leave her that she would leave him.

Farrington DeClerk

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 17th DAY OF August 1890.

William T. Gibbs

(2nd)

Notary Public, my Commission  
expires April 1st 1898

INDIAN TERRITORY ::

COUNTY DIVISION: PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED authority, James A. Sellers, who, being duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says:

I reside in Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation. I am well acquainted with D. C. Passmore, who lives near Velma, Indian Territory. I know that in the year 1886 he married Eliza Gibson, an Indian woman, who was said to be Chickasaw and Choctaw Indian mixed. After their marriage they lived in Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, and I lived in the same house with them. They got along very agreeable together and Mr. Passmore treated his wife well and seemed to be very kind to her. I further state that the said Passmore did not abandon his wife or voluntarily leave her, but that she did voluntarily separate from him and abandon his home, and when she was talking of leaving him she said that she had nothing to charge against him. That he had been kind to her, but that she would rather live with the Indians than to live with him, and that she was going back to her folks, and after the said Eliza abandoned her husband I went at his request to try to induce her to go back to her home and I had quite a talk with her <sup>father</sup> about it, but she told <sup>her father</sup> me that she would not do so. She did not claim that her husband had caused her to leave home, but on the contrary said she had nothing to charge against him, that he was good to her, but that she would rather live with the Indians than with the white folks, and

she refused to go back.

Witness to signature J. L. Hough James A. Sellers  
J. B. Selmon  
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 28 DAY OF August 1896.

William T. Fitch  
Notary Public.

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INDIAN TERRITORY ::

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SOUTHERN DIVISION :: PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED

Notary, Oscar White, who, after being duly sworn, on his oath

deposes and says:

I reside in Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation. I am well acquainted with C. C. Passmore, who lives near Vela, Indian Territory. In about the year 1886 the said C. C. Passmore married Eliza Gibson, a Chickasaw Indian, and they lived together as husband and wife for only a few weeks, when she left him and went back to her people. On her way to her father's, when she left her husband, she stopped at my house and I had a conversation with her in reference to the separation. She said there was no cause for it except that she preferred to live with the Indians than the white people and was going back to her father's. She made no kind of charges against her husband, but said that he was not to blame for their separation and had been good to her.

Oscar White.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 27th DAY OF August 1886.

Test:

William C. Pickett  
Notary Public



Before the Commission to the Five  
Civilized Tribes

C. C. Passemore  
vs.  
Chickasaw & Choctaw Nations.

Evidence to Sustain  
Application

INDIAN TERRITORY ::

SOUTHERN DIVISION:: PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED  
authority, Warretta Sellers, who, on oath, deposes and says:

I am well acquainted with C. C. Passmore, who lives near Velma, Indian Territory. I reside in Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation. I have known the said Passmore for a number of years, and know that in the year 1896 he married Eliza Gibson, an Indian woman, said to be Chickasaw and Choctaw Indian mixed. They lived together after their marriage for some fifteen (15) or twenty (20) days. During that time I was at their house frequently and they seemed to get along very agreeably together. Soon after their marriage the said Eliza voluntarily left the home of the said C. C. Passmore and abandoned him. She told me a day or two before she left him, when we were in the garden together, that she would rather live with the Indians than with the white folks and that she was going to quit living with her husband and wanted me to tell her husband that she was going to quit him and go back to the Indians. Soon after this the father of Mrs. Passmore was at the house of the said Passmore and I heard him ~~try~~ try to get his daughter, the said Eliza, to continue to live with her husband and not to quit him, and he told her that her husband provided well for her and that he was a good and kind husband to her, and that she ought not to leave him, but the said Mrs. Passmore continued to express her intention of leaving her husband, and a few days later she did quit him. I was present when she left, and when she went to go her husband told her that he had married her in good faith and wanted her to be his wife and protested against her leaving, but she said she was going to leave him and tried to get him to leave her and told him if he

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did not leave her that she would leave him.

Ferrita Sellers

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 27th DAY OF August 1896.

William T. Gibbs

(Seal)

Notary Public and Commissioner  
expired April 14th 1898.

INDIAN TERRITORY ::

COUNTY DIVISION :: PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED  
authority, James A. Sellers, who, being duly sworn, upon his oath  
deposes and says:

I reside in Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation. I am well ac-  
quainted with C. C. Passmore, who lives near Velma, Indian Terri-  
tory. I know that in the year 1886 he married Eliza Gibson, an  
Indian woman, who was said to be Chickasaw and Choctaw Indian mix-  
ed. After their marriage they lived in Pickens County, Chickasaw  
Nation, and I lived in the same house with them. They got along  
very agreeable together and Mr. Passmore treated his wife well and  
seemed to be very kind to her. I further state that the said Pass-  
more did not abandon his wife or voluntarily leave her, but that  
she did voluntarily separate from him and abandon his home, and  
when she was talking of leaving him she said that she had nothing  
to charge against him. That he had been kind to her, but that she  
would rather live with the Indians than to live with him, and that  
she was going back to her folks, and after the said Eliza abandoned  
her husband I sent at his request to try to induce her to go back  
to her home and I had quite a talk with her about it, but she told  
<sup>her father</sup> that she would not do so. She did not claim that her husband  
had caused her to leave home, but on the contrary said she had no-  
thing to charge against him, that he was good to her, but that she  
would rather live with the Indians than with the white folks, and  
she refused to go back.

Witness to signature *J. L. Houch* *James A. Sellers*  
*A. B. Selmon*  
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BY ME THIS 28 DAY OF August 1896.  
*William T. Gibbs*  
Notary Public.



INDIAN TERRITORY ::

SOUTHERN DIVISION :: PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED  
Authority, Oscar White, who, after being duly sworn, on his oath  
deposes and says:

I reside in Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation. I am well ac-  
quainted with C. C. Passmore, who lives near Velma, Indian Terri-  
tory. In about the year 1886 the said C. C. Passmore married  
Eliza Gibson, a Chickasaw Indian, and they lived together as hus-  
band and wife for only a few weeks, when she left him and went back  
to her people. On her way to her father's, when she left her hus-  
band, she stopped at my house and I had a conversation with her in  
reference to the separation. She said there was no cause for it  
except that she preferred to live with the Indians than the white  
people and was going back to her father's. She made no kind of  
charges against her husband, but said that he was not to blame for  
their separation and had been good to her.

*Oscar White*

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS *27th* DAY OF *August* 1896.

(seal)

*William T. Tipton*  
*Nitany Public*

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Before the Commis  
sion to the Five  
Civilized Tribes.

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C. C. Bassmore  
vs.  
Chickasaw & Choctaw  
Nation.

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Application for  
Citizenship.

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C. C. PASSMORE :: APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP PENDING  
::  
VS. :: BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE  
::  
CHICKASAW & CHOCTAW NATIONS :: CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSION :-

Your applicant shows that he is a resident citizen of Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation. That he is a white man and was a citizen of the United States prior to the 25th day of June, 1886, though he had then lived in the Chickasaw Nation for a number of years. That on the 25th day of June, 1886, he was lawfully married to Eliza Gibson, who then resided in the Choctaw Nation, but who had been raised in the Chickasaw Nation. That said Eliza Gibson was both a Chickasaw and Choctaw Indian by blood. That she was one-half Chickasaw, her mother being a Chickasaw Indian of full blood. That she was one-fourth Choctaw, her father being one-half Choctaw. That said marriage was contracted and celebrated under and according to the laws of the Choctaw Nation. That immediately after said marriage this applicant carried his wife to his home in Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation. This applicant further states that he and his wife Eliza lived together only for a short time, about fifteen (15) days, then she made up her mind to abandon him and return to her home. That this was without any fault on the part of this applicant. That he gave his wife no cause at all for the said separation. That he married her in good faith and sought to make her his wife. That he was as kind to her as he knew how to be. That he was not only willing but anxious to reside with her, but soon after their marriage she conceived an antipathy for him, or at least an over-weening desire to go back to her

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people, and over the protest of this applicant and that of her father she abandoned this applicant and ~~her~~ <sup>his</sup> home and has never since returned. That afterwards, in about the year 1890, this applicant obtained a divorce from the said Eliza in the courts of the Chickasaw Nation, and ever since his said marriage this applicant has lived in the Chickasaw Nation in Pickens County, claiming to be a citizen by reason of his said marriage, and he has been recognized and treated as a citizen by the authorities of said nation, but he is advised and believes that his name does not appear upon the roll of citizenship of either of said tribes of Indians. This applicant further shows that he had rather be admitted to citizenship in the Chickasaw Nation, if, in the opinion of this honorable Commission, he is entitled to such, but if not, he would like to be admitted to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

WHEREFORE he makes this application, and upon final hearing he prays that the same be granted and that this applicant's name be enrolled upon the roll of citizenship kept by the Chickasaw Nation, but if this is denied, he prays in the alternative that his name be enrolled upon the roll of the Choctaw Nation.

Butter & Butcher  
ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANT.

I, C. C. PASTMORZ, do on oath state that the matters and things set forth in the above and foregoing application are true, and that my post office address is Velma, Indian Territory.

C. C. Pastmorz

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 1896.

(Seal)

William T. Gibbs  
Notary Public, my Commission  
Expires April 15th 1898.



**End**

J. L. C. Pate  
#464

J. L. C. Pate

Duplicate.

Application of J. L. C. Pate  
for Enrollment as a citizen  
in the Choctaw Nation.

TO THE HONORABLE DAWES COMMISSION XXX

The undersigned petitioner prays that your honorable body enter his name on the roll of intermarried citizens of the choctaw nation or tribe of Indians according to articles 26&28 of the treaty of 1866 ,and in support of his petition he says on oath :- That he was married in the state of mississippi during the year 1884 ,and during the month of 02 Nov. as is shown by the certificate of the circuit clerk of Carrol County ,State of Mississippi hereto attached and referred to as exhibit A ,also the certificate of the secretary of state and the great seal of the state of Mississippi showing the competency James L -Cain to issue said certificate hereto attached and referred to as exhibit B .

Further your petitioner shows to your honorable body ,that during the year 1885 his wife Ellen A. Pate , Nee Ellen Lane ,and her mother and her children were adopted by an act of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation As more fully appears by a copy of said adopting act herewith filed and made a part hereof and referred to as exhibit

C Your petitioner further shows that since the date of the adoption of his wife and her childre ,he has continuously resided in t the choctaw nation ,and has been a legal voter of the said nation , and has enjoyed all the priviledges and rights of a citizen of said Nation ,wherefore he prays that he be enrolled as a member of the of the said choctaw tribe or nation of Indians *petitioner is a white man and a citizen of United States*

Indian Territory ,

Central Judicial District,

Before me *C. Pate* a notary public in and for said Judicial District and Territory ,J.L. C.Pate says on oath thatthe matters and facts setforth in the foregoing petition are true and correct to his own knowledge . Sworn and subscribed to before me this 21 day of August 1886

*C. Pate*  
Notary Public



Indian Territory Central Judicial District .

Before me E. H. Pate a notary

public in and for the central Judicial District of Indian Territory

Sam Downing says on oath:- I am a choctaw Indian by blood -am  
21 years of age and am county and probate clerk of Atoka county  
choctaw nation ,and am acquainted with J.L.C.Pate who prays for  
membership in the choctaw tribe of Indians at the hands of the Dawes

commission ,and know the facts as set forth in his petition are true  
and correct ,that he has continuously resided in Atoka County Cho-  
ctaw nation since the adoption of his family as members of the cho-  
ctaw nation ,and know he has been regarded and treated by the choctaw  
authorities as a member of said tribe of Indians ,and that I know him  
to be a white man ,and I know his family to be choctaw Indians by

blood ,and that he is the husband of Elencor A .Pate who was adop-  
ted by an act of the choctaw council in 1885

Sam Downing

Sworn to and subscribed to before me ,this 21 day of August 1896

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E. H. Pate

Notary Public

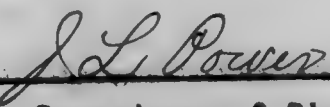
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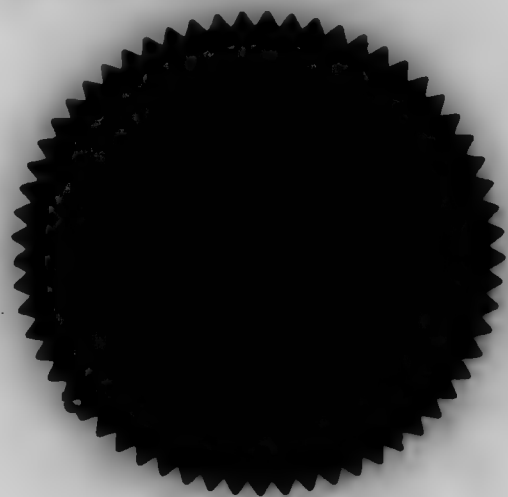
Office of Secretary of State, Jackson Miss, August 19 1896

To whom it may concern,

This is to certify that the records of my office show that James L. Cain was the duly elected and acting clerk of the circuit court of the county of Carroll, state of Mississippi on the 9th day of February 1895, and that his certificate made at that time and hereto attached as "exhibit A" is in due form, and is entitled to full faith and credit.

Witness my hand, and the great seal of the state of Mississippi, this the 19 day of August 1896

  
Secretary of State



Ex. C

Tuska Homma, C.H., Oct. 20 th 1885.

To the General Council:

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. L.H. Pendleton, claiming Choctaw citizenship by descent, and praying that herself, children, grand children, and sister be adopted as citizens of this Nation Ac., have carefully examined the same, and would respectfully ask the adoption of the following bill:

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that Mrs. L.H. Pendleton, and her children, Ellen A. Pate, and Sallie Cunningham, and their children, Olivia W. Pate, Ella A. Pate, Josie L. Pate, James C. Pate, Sallie M. Pate, Lavinia Pate, Soulie Pate, John A. Cunningham, and West L. Cunningham, and also Mrs. Amelia Thrall, a sister of the said Mrs. L.H. Pendleton be and are hereby adopted as citizens of the Choctaw Nation by blood, and are entitled to all the rights and privileges as such; and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Harris Franklin, ~~Chairman~~

Chairman Committee on Petitions.

Endorsed on the back as follows:

Bill No. 14.

Passed the Senate Oct. 21 st 1885.

Chas. Winston, President of the Senate.

Passed the House and referred to the Chief Oct. 21 st.

1885,

Approved Oct. 21 st 1885,

A.C. Wright, Speaker.  
Commons / Courtin,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

I hereby certify that the within act is a true and correct copy from the original now on file in my office. Given my hand and the Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation. Done at Tuska Homma this Oct. 21 st-1885.

Thompson McKinney,

National Secretary, Choctaw Nation.

*Submitted copy of  
Don original act see "exhibit B" in  
application of L. J. Pate*

State of Mississippi, Carroll County. *Exhibit A*

I, Jas. L. Cain, clerk of the circuit court in and for said county do hereby certify that there appears in Book C on page 362 of the Record of Marriage Bonds and License of said county now on file in my office the Record of the Marriage Bond and License of J. L. C. Pate to Ellen A. Lane. And that the return on said License shows that the Rites of Matrimony were performed between J. L. C. Pate and ~~Ellen~~ Ellen A. Lane on the first day of November 1859 by J. M. Hackworth, a Minister of the Gospel.

Witness my hand and seal of said court at Carrollton Mississippi this February 9 th 1865.

( Official seal. )

J. L. Cain, Circuit Clerk.



State of Texas  
Comal County 38

Be it remembered that on this 21st day of Sept. 1896  
personally appeared before me Hiram James  
who is a reliable and credible citizen of Red  
River County Choctaw Nation Indian Territory  
and after being by me duly sworn ~~depos~~ according to  
law to speak and say, that he is a resident of Red  
River County Choctaw Nation Indian Territory.  
that he is age 55 years and his occupation  
that of a farmer and that he was well and  
personally acquainted with Allen Victor in  
the Choctaw Nation in State of Mississippi  
and that said Allen Victor was a Choctaw  
Indian by blood

affiant makes this his sworn statement from  
his own personal knowledge and acquaintance  
with the aforesaid Allen Victor family of Choctaw  
and affiant further states that he is not  
directly or indirectly interested in the  
prosecution of the claim for the heirs  
of the said Allen Victor deceased for  
Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation  
Indian Territory

Hiram James

sworn and subscribed to before me  
by Hiram James this Sept 21st 1896

(Seal)

Jack Horner

Notary Public

Comal County Texas

State of Texas )  
Lamar County ) 88.

Be it remembered, that on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
Sept. 1896 personally appeared John Theat,  
who is a creditable and reliable citizen of Red  
river County Choctaw Nation Indian Territory,  
and after being by me duly sworn according to  
law, he deposeth and says that he is a resident of  
Red River County Choctaw Nation Indian Territory  
that his age is 60 years and his occupation that  
of a farmer, - that he was well and personally  
acquainted with Allen Victor in the Choctaw  
Nation State of Mississippi and that said Allen  
Victor was a Choctaw Indian by blood.  
Affiant makes this his sworn statement from his  
own personal knowledge and acquaintance  
with the aforesaid Allen Victor family of  
Choctaw and affiant further states that he  
is not directly or indirectly interested in the  
prosecution of the claim for the heirs of the said  
Allen Victor deceased for citizenship in the  
Choctaw Nation Indian Territory.

John Theat  
sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 4<sup>th</sup> September 1896

and

Wm. A. Stone  
Notary Public  
Lamar County Texas

# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Samuel M. Riddell  
for admission to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.  
Okla. lahoma  
State of Pottawatomie } ss  
County of

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared John Ward who, after being by me duly sworn, states:  
That he is 60 years of age, and a resident of the State of Okla. lahoma and County  
of Pottawatomie and his post office address is Choctaw City  
that he is personally acquainted with Samuel M. Riddell who is an applicant for  
Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he knows that Samuel M. Riddell is the  
grandson of Allen Victor and that Allen  
Victor is the father of Nancy Victor who  
is the mother of Samuel M. Riddell  
And affiant further states that Allen  
Victor was a Choctaw Indian by blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Samuel M. Riddell for the  
past 52 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances  
and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and  
physical appearance of the said Samuel M. Riddell indicate that he is of Choctaw  
Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from  
what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Samuel M. Riddell he believes the  
said Samuel M. Riddell to be a descendent by blood of the Choctaw  
Indian tribe, and a lineal descendent of the said Allen Victor

John Ward  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1896  
M. R. Elliott  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My Commission expires July 19-1900



# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Samuel M. Riddell  
Choctaw Nation.  
 for admission to citizenship in the  
 State of Oklahoma } ss  
 County of Pottawatomie

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared St. J. Smith who, after being by me duly sworn, states:  
 That he is 68 years of age, and a resident of the State of Oklahoma and County  
 of Pottawatomie and his post office address is Wala;  
 that he is personally acquainted with Samuel M. Riddell who is an applicant for  
 Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he knows that Samuel M. Riddell is  
the grand son of Allen Victor and that  
Allen Victor is the father is the father of  
Nancy Victor, who is the mother of  
Samuel M. Riddell. And affiant further  
states that Allen Victor was a Choctaw  
Indian by blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Samuel M. Riddell for the  
 past 52 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaint-  
 tances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and  
 physical appearance of the said Samuel M. Riddell indicate that he is of Choctaw  
 Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from  
 what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Samuel M. Riddell he believes the  
 said Samuel M. Riddell to be a descendent by blood of the Choctaw  
 Indian tribe, and a lineal descendent of the said Allen Victor

(St. J. Smith)  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of Sept, 1896  
M. R. Elliott  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.  
 My Commission expires Feb'y 19-1900



J. L. C. Patz  
WILKINSON, Appellate

Abstract, no. 10.

You are hereby notified that I have filed a petition in  
the United States District Court for the District of Columbia  
for the purpose of obtaining a writ of habeas corpus, or other writ  
of relief, from your custody on the 10th day of June 1896, and  
that the petition for citizenship is the first civilized  
writ, which has been presented or asked for in the United  
States since the case of *Italians v. United States*,  
Dec. 3rd 1896 in Case No 567 in *Dawson's Commission*  
*Booklet*.

J. C. G. Pitt

Service of above notice is  
waived this Jan'y 23rd 1891  
Stuart Gordon & Keely  
Attys for Choctaw Nation

Enrolled

**End**

Demont Patton  
#1014

Demont Patton

"Copy"  
No. ....  
Application of  
Serrinuh Patton Et Al.,  
FOR  
Enrollment in Chocoma Nation.  
Filed on the ..... day of ..... 189...  
Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.  
Attorney for Petitioner.  
REPRODUCED FROM COPY.



Application For Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

*Senniah Patton* Et Al.,  
PETITIONER,

VS.

APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

*Chocoma*  
..... Nation, Indian Territory,  
RESPONDENT.

TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner *Senniah Patton* states that *William S. Patton*  
was a *Chocoma* Indian by blood; was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
..... and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits  
and annuities of other *Chocomas* Indians by blood in the said *Chocoma*  
Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said *William S. Patton* appears,  
or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said *Chocoma* Indians for the year.....  
That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said *William S. Patton* to-wit:

a Son

(Said William S. Patton was one of the framers  
of the constitution of the Chocoma nation reference  
is hereby made to Page 25 article 7th Section 10th  
of "Law of the Chocoma nation Published 1869")

..... That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs  
of the said *Chocoma* Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and  
treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of  
said *Chocoma* Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights,  
benefits, privileges and annuities of other *Chocoma* Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner *none* persons, as follows, to-wit:

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Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that..... name, with those of

.....said descendants, to-wit:.....  
.....  
and.....be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits privileges  
and immunities of other.....Indians, in and to the.....Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.  
.....Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner...Sennah Patton.....says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.  
.....Sennah Patton.....  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26 day of August, 1898  
Wm. C. Curran Notary Public

In the matter of <sup>"Copy"</sup> Petition and Memorial  
of Wm. Patton of Mulrow Indian Territory  
State of Indian Territory County of Choctaw

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public in  
and for the County and State aforesaid Elizabeth  
Patton Mother of Petitioner and widow of the  
late William S. Patton who by me duly states  
I am the mother of Wm. Patton and the  
widow of the late William S. Patton  
We were married on the            day of  
18            we had three children by our marriage  
To Wit.

William Patton aged 24  
Elizabeth Patton aged 25  
Isidore Patton aged 22

My husband the late William S. Patton  
was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation by  
blood and died a citizen of the Choctaw  
Nation. I am a Choctaw by blood my  
husband's children namely your Petitioner's  
waive citizenship in their Father's Country  
my husband the late William S. Patton  
Educated by the U. S. Government as a promis-  
-ing young man from the Choctaw Nation  
or tribe of Indians my said children all  
draw their share of net proceeds money from  
the Choctaw Nation <sup>Elizabeth Patton</sup> sworn to and before  
subscribed before me

(Signature)

This the 27. day Aug 1896  
L. D. Myer  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires  
1. 6. 1898



in the matter of Petition and memorial of  
Demmond Patton for admission to citizenship  
in the Choctaw nation  
State of Indian Territory) SS  
County of Cherokee

Muldrow Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1896

Before me the undersigned a Notary  
Public in and for the County and  
State aforesaid Personally appeared  
Robert B Patton - who being by me  
duly sworn states - that he is 58  
years of age a Resident of the State  
of Indian Territory County of Cherokee  
and that he is personally acquainted  
with Demmond Patton who is an applicant  
for citizenship in the Choctaw nation  
affiant further states - that he personally  
knows that Demmond Patton is a Son  
of William S Patton (deceased) who  
was a Brother of affiant and who  
was a member of the convention  
which framed the Constitution of the  
Choctaw nation - William was a Son  
of Turner S Patton whose mother was Mary  
Beashe - the Turner was a brother to  
Sylvia McKenney wife of Edmund  
McKenny (deceased) also a Brother of  
Malinda ~~McKenny~~ Windsor wife of Henry  
Winson (decd) William S Patton died  
a citizen of the Choctaw nation on the  
third day of February 1876 - affiant and the  
Patton and the Brashears families  
mentioned above are Choctaw Indians

by Blood

affiant further states that he has known ~~Samuel~~ Patton for the past 24 years and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors acquaintances as having Chactaw Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Samuel Patton indicates that he is of Chactaw Indian blood and descent.

affiant further states that from the above facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and known of the family of the said Samuel Patton he believes the said Samuel Patton to be a descendant by blood of the Chactaw Indian tribe.

Robt B Patton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25-day of August 1896

L. S. Boyd

Notary Public

my commission Expires Jan 6 1898

In the matter of ~~Test~~ Petition and  
 memorial of Lemmick Patton of Midtown  
 Indian Territory  
 State of Indian Territory  
 County of Cherokee  
 before me the undersigned a Notary  
 Public in and for the County and  
 State aforesaid Lemmick Patton will  
 of ~~across~~ who by me duly sworn states  
 that he is 41 years of age is a  
 Cherokee Citizen by Blood that he  
 has known the said Lemmick Patton  
 for ~~24~~ <sup>at least</sup> 24 years knows the said William  
 Patton to be the father of  
 Lemmick Patton - knows the said  
 Lemmick Patton to be a Cherokee  
 Indian by Blood

Willis Jacobs

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
 this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1896  
~~W. D. [Signature]~~ Public  
 my commission Expires (Notary) 1. 4, 1898



In the matter of petition and memorial  
of Demont Patton of Muldrow  
Indian Territory  
State of Indian Territory County of Cherokee  
Before me the undersigned a Notary  
Public in and for the county and  
state aforesaid Isaac Jacobs  
Who by me duly sworn states that  
he is years of age is a  
Choctaw Citizen by Blood.  
That he has known the said  
Demont Patton for 24 years  
Known his father William S. Patton  
to be a Choctaw Citizen by Blood  
Known him the said Demont Patton  
to be a Choctaw Indian by Blood  
Isaac Jacobs

a copy

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this the day of August 1896  
D. O. Byrd  
Notary Public  
my commission expires Dec 6 1898



**End**

Gideon Patton  
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Gideon Patton

Copy  
No. ....  
Application of  
Udeon Peltai Et Al.,  
FOR  
Enrollment in Cherokee Nation.  
Filed on the ..... day of ..... 189...  
Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.  
Attorney for Petitioner.  
SEALING OVER PRINT.

## Application For Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

*Gideon Patton*..... Et Al.,  
PETITIONER,

VS.

*Chactaw*..... Nation, Indian Territory,  
RESPONDENT.

APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner *Gideon Patton* states that *William S. Patton* was a *Chactaw* Indian by blood; was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in *Chactaw Nation* and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and annuities of other *Chactaw* Indians by blood in the said *Chactaw* Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said *William S. Patton* appears, or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said *Chactaw* Indians for the year..... That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said *William S. Patton* to-wit:

a son aged

*Said William S. Patton was one of the framers of the Chactaw constitution of the Chactaw nation reference is hereby made to Page 25 Article 9th Section 10th Laws of the Chactaw nation (1869)*

..... That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said *Chactaw* Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said *Chactaw* Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other *Chactaw* Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner *none* persons, as follows, to-wit:

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Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that *his* name, with those of



..... said descendants, to-wit: .....  
.....  
and..... be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits privileges  
and immunities of other..... Indians, in and to the..... Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

.....  
Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner Isidore Patton..... says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.  
Isidore Patton.....  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26 day of August, 1898.  
W. S. May Jr......  
My Comm. expires Dec 6 1898 Notary Public

In the matter <sup>"of"</sup> of Petition and memorial  
of Gideon Patton of Muldrow Indian Territory  
State of Indian Territory. County of Cherokee  
Before me the undersigned a Notary  
Public in and for the County and  
State aforesaid Isaac Jacob  
10th by me duly sworn states that  
he is 42 years of age is a Choctaw  
citizen by blood that he has  
known the said Gideon Patton  
for 21 years known his father  
William S. Patton to be a Choctaw  
citizen by blood it now to him  
the said Gideon Patton to be a  
Choctaw Indian by blood  
Isaac Jacob <sup>"Notary"</sup>

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 24 day of August 1896  
L. B. Boyd  
Notary Public  
my commission expires Jan 6 1898

On the matter of <sup>copy</sup> Petition and memorial  
of Simon Patton of Muldrow Indian  
Territory. State of Indian Territory }  
County of Cherokee

Before me the undersigned a Notary  
Public in and for the County and State  
aforesaid Elizabeth Patton mother  
of Petitioner and Widow of the  
late William S. Patton

Who by me duly stated I am the  
mother of Gideon Patton and the  
Widow of the late William S. Patton  
We were married on the — day of

18— We had three children  
by our marriage To wit—

Emma Patton aged 28

Demont Patton aged 25

Gideon Patton aged 22

My husband the late William S. Patton  
Was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation  
By Blood and died a citizen of the  
Choctaw Nation. I am a Cherokee by  
Blood my husband's children  
namely your Petitioners Wm.

Citizenship in their father's country  
My husband the late William S. Patton  
Educated by the United States  
as a promising young man from the Choctaw Nation  
or tribe of Indians my said children all drew  
their share of the proceeds money from  
the Choctaw Nation. Sworn to and subscribed before me

This the 27 day August 1896  
L B Boyd  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires 1<sup>st</sup> 6 1898



In the matter of <sup>Petition</sup> ~~Petition~~ and memorial  
of Gideon Patton of Milledrow Indian -  
Territory, State of Indian Territory } ss  
County of Cherokee

Before me the undersigned a Notary  
Public in and for the County and State  
aforesaid. Willis Jacobs Who by me  
duly sworn. States that he is 41 years  
of age is a Choctaw Citizen by Blood  
that he has known the said Gideon  
Patton for 21 years known his  
father William S. Patton to be a  
Choctaw Citizen by Blood. Knows  
him the said Gideon Patton to  
be a Choctaw Indian by Blood

Willis Jacobs

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 24 day of August 1896  
L. S. Byrd  
Notary Public  
my commission Expires Jan 6 1898

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Gideon Patton  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Choctaw NATION.  
STATE OF Indian )  
COUNTY OF Winton ) ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Gideon Patton who, being by me duly sworn states:  
That he is 28 years of age, a resident of the State of Indian and County of Winton and that he is personally acquainted with Gideon Patton who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he personally knows that Gideon Patton is a son of William S. Patton (died) who was a brother of Affiant. He was a member of the Convention which framed the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation. William was a son of Turner S. Patton whose mother was Lucy Brashears. Turner was a brother to Marion McKinney, wife of Edmund McKinney (died) also was a brother to Malinda Vinson, wife of Alvin Vinson (died) Wm S. Patton died a citizen of the Choctaw Nation - he died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1876. All of the Patton & Brashears families mentioned above are or were Choctaws by blood

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Gideon Patton for the past 22 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Gideon Patton indicate that he is of Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Gideon Patton he believes the said Gideon Patton to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of Aug 1898

Robt. B. Patton  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My commission expires Jan 6, 1898

**End**

Arthur Paul

Arthur Paul



Paul, Arthur,

**End**

George W. Paul

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Court no 103

George W. Paul

Paul, Geo. W.,  
Paul, Robert,  
Hart, Mrs. Nora,  
Paul, Vivian,  
Paul, Anna  
Paul, Ezekiel W.,  
Hodge, Catherine,  
Paul, Mary Ann,  
English, Nancy



Before the United States Dawes Commission  
to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ezekiel W. Paul, Katharine Hodge  
Mary Ann Paul, and Nancy  
English, Petitioners,  
vs.  
The Choctaw Nation, Respondent

Application  
of  
Enrollment

To the Hon Dawes Commission:-  
Comes now your petitioners Ezekiel W.  
Paul, Katharine Hodge, Mary Ann Paul  
and Nancy English, <sup>by their next of friend and special agent, Geo. W. Paul, a brother,</sup> and allege and say:  
That the petitioners are one-fourth  
Choctaw Indians by blood on ac-  
count of their father Wyatt Paul's  
being a one half Choctaw by blood  
and their mother's being a white  
woman.

That Wyatt Paul's mother  
Cherry Paul was a full blood Cho-  
ctaw Indian and his father a  
white man (Geo. Paul, senior). That  
Cherry Paul lived in Marlboro Co. S.C.  
That the evidence relied upon in support  
of these facts is the same as that  
appended to George W. Paul's appli-  
cation herewith enclosed, ~~excepting~~  
exhibits "A", "B" and "D".  
Wherefore your applicants

pray that they be admitted and  
enrolled as members of the Choctaw  
tribe or Nation of Indians, with all  
the rights, privileges, and immunities  
of Choctaw Indians by blood.

(Signed) Geo. W. Paul

As next friend & special agent  
affidavit

This affidavit first being duly sworn  
according to law of oath says:-

I do solemnly swear the foregoing  
petitioners Ezekiel W. Paul, Catherine  
Hodge, Mary Ann Paul, and Nancy  
English are my brothers and sisters  
being born of the same parents Wyatt  
Paul and Nancy Paul, and that  
they are one-fourth Choctaw  
Indians by blood, that I have  
had read to me the foregoing  
facts and understand them and  
that they are true so help me  
god.

Geo. W. Paul

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 7th of Sept 1896.

Preslie B. Cole  
Notary Public.

(Copy)

Before the Hon. United States Dawes  
Commission to the Five-Civilized Tribes.  
Geo. W. Paul, and his children

Petitioner.

} application  
for  
enrollment.

versus.

The Choctaw Nation, Respondent

To the Hon. Dawes Commission:—

Bearer, now your petitioner,  
Geo. W. Paul, and his children, Robert Paul  
Mrs. Nora Hart, Vivian Paul, and Anna  
Paul and alleges and says:

That the petitioner, Geo. W. Paul is  
a one-fourth Choctaw Indian by  
blood in account of his father, Wyatt  
Paul being a one-half Choctaw Indian  
by blood and his mother being a white  
woman. That Wyatt Paul was son  
of Cherry Paul (wife) and Geo. Paul, white,  
(husband); That Cherry Paul was a full  
blood Choctaw Indian woman, and  
lived in Marlboro County, South Carolina.

My children whose names are above  
set out, are one-eighth Choctaw Indian  
by blood by reason of being the chil-  
dren of this applicant, who is a one-  
fourth Choctaw Indian by blood, their  
mother being a white woman.

Said children live with me, ex-  
cept my daughter, Mrs. Nora Hart, and



are of the following names and ages  
to wit:-

Robert Paul (son) age 21  
Anna Paul (daughter) age 16  
Vivian Paul (son) age 15  
Mrs. Nora Hart (daughter) age 20

Wherefore your applicant  
prays that he and his said minor  
children be admitted and enrolled with  
all the rights, privileges, and immunities  
as members or citizens of the Choctaw  
Tribe or Nation of Indians in  
the Indian Territory.

(signed) <sup>his</sup> George W. Paul  
Witness  
Preslie Blake

Affidavit

Indian Territory, Choctaw Nation  
This affiant after being first duly sworn  
according to law of oath says:  
My name is Geo. W. Paul, and I am  
the identical person named in the  
above and foregoing application  
and that I have read, or had read  
and explained to me the above and  
foregoing application and understand  
the facts therein stated. That the  
facts stated therein are true  
so help me God

Witness: Preslie Blake.

<sup>his</sup> George W. Paul  
mark



Subscribed and sworn to before me  
on this 5 Sept. 1896.

Preslie B. Cole  
Notary Public.  
Central Dist., Ind. Ter.

(Copy)

Affidavit of Otho Vaught

Otho Vaught, a witness of lawful age, deposes and says: I know Geo. W. Paul personally; also his three children Robert Paul, Anna Paul and Vivian Paul. Mr. Geo. W. Paul and his children live in South McAllister, Ind. In. Mr. Paul claims, in addition to the three children named, to have a married daughter. Geo. W. Paul claims to be a Choctaw Indian by blood. Mr. Paul and his three children I have seen bear a general resemblance to the Choctaw Indians.

Otho Vaught

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
on this 5 day of Sept. 1896.

Prestie B. Cole

Notary Public.

(Copy)  
Affidavit of J. E. Walker

J. E. Walker, a witness of lawful age,  
being duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is J. E. Walker. I  
live in Smith McClister, Ind. I am  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
I am personally well acquainted with  
Geo. W. Paul and his children  
Robert Paul, Vivian Paul, Anna Paul,  
all now living at Smith McClister  
Indian Territory. George W. Paul  
claims to be a Choctaw Indian  
by blood. He and his children,  
except one, have a strong resem-  
blance to Choctaw Indians -  
dark eyes, high cheek bones,  
coppered skin, and straight black  
hair.

Witness Preslie B. Cole

J. E. Walker  
Jmck

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me on this the 5 day of Sept.  
1896.

Preslie B. Cole

Notary Public

Exhibit "C"

Copy

State of South Carolina, Co. of Marion

Personally came before me James W. Wilkes who on oath says:

That he knew Wyatt Paul well. Had known him about twenty years and that of his own knowledge said Wyatt Paul was a half breed Indian, his mother Cherry Paul being a full blooded Indian of the Choctaw tribe. The J. W. Wilkes on oath says that he is personally acquainted with following grand children of the said Cherry Paul:

Elizabeth Paul (dead) William Paul (dead) Mary Ann Paul, Catherine Paul Nancy Paul, George Paul [Applicant] John Paul, Ezekiel Paul.

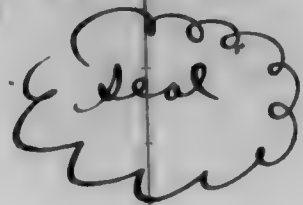
Witness: { J. C. McSwain  
J. L. Greenwood

James W. Wilkes  
Notary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 16th day of March, 1894.

A. N. McCullum

Notary Public



State of South Carolina, County of Marion,

I, D. F. Miles, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and general sessions in and for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that A. N. McCullum, who signed the



within affidavit, was at the time of so  
doing and is now a Notary Public in  
and for the State of South Carolina, duly  
Commissioned and qualified, and that all  
his official acts are entitled to due faith  
and credit, and that his signature there  
to is genuine. Given under my hand and  
official seal this Sept. 19, A.D. 1894  
at Marion, S.C.

D. F. Miles,  
Clerk,

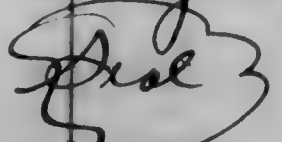


State of South Carolina }  
County of Marion } Exhibit "D"

Personally came before me Capt  
Thos. E. Tart, Sr., who on oath says that  
he knew Wyatt Paul and had known him  
for twenty years and that of his own  
knowledge said Wyatt was a half  
breed Indian, his mother Cherry  
Paul being a full blooded Indian of  
the Choctaw Race or Tribe.

Also Capt. T. E. Tart sr. further says  
that he is personally acquainted with the  
following grand children of the said  
Cherry Paul: Elizabeth Paul (dead)  
William Paul (dead) Mary Ann Paul, Cath-  
arine Paul, Nancy Paul, George Paul  
[applicant] ~~George John~~ <sup>Paul</sup> ~~York~~ Paul.  
Thos. E. Tart

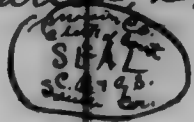
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 12 day Sept. 1894.

  
J. R. Hays

Thos. R. Hays  
Trial Justice

State of S.C. }  
County of Marion } I, D. F. Miles, Clerk of the Court  
of Common Pleas and general sessions for said  
County in State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Thos.  
R. Hays, whose genuine signature is signed to the for-  
going affidavit was at the time of so doing and is  
now a Trial Justice in and for said County and  
that due faith and credit should be given to his  
official acts.

Given under my hand and seal of office  
at Marion, S.C. this the 19th day of Sept. A.D. 1894.



D. F. Miles  
Clerk

Exhibit "E"

State of South Carolina  
County of Marlboro

Personally came before me,  
D.C. Crowley of said state and County  
who being duly sworn says he had  
known Wyatt Paul more than forty  
years and to his own personal knowledge  
he was a half bred Indian and that said  
Wyatt Paul had often told him that  
his mother Cherry Paul was a full blooded  
Indian of the Choctaw Tribe.

Said Crowley also said under oath  
that he knew the following children  
of Wyatt Paul: John, Ezekiel, George,  
Mary Ann, Catherine, Nancy, and Elizabeth  
Paul.

D.C. Crowley

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
17th day of Sept. 1894. C.N. Rogers, Trial Justice

State of South Carolina  
County of Marlboro

I, J.A. Drake, Clerk of the Court  
of Common Pleas and general sessions, of Marlboro Co.  
South Carolina, do hereby certify that C.N. Rogers  
is a duly appointed trial justice in and for the  
state of South Carolina  
Given under my hand official seal  
at Beaufortville S.C. Jan 7, 1895.

J.A. Drake

C.C.P. & G.S.

for Marlboro Co  
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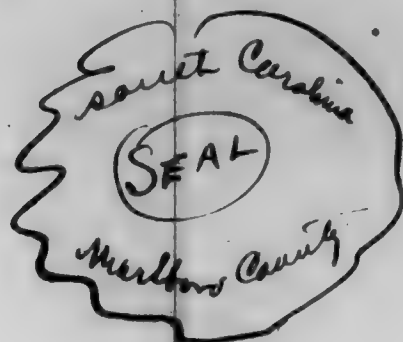




Exhibit "F"

South Carolina {  
Marlboro County { Personally came before me  
Jessie Proctor who after being duly sworn says:  
I knew Cherry Paul well. I recollect to have  
seen her often and know of my own personal  
knowledge that she claimed to be a full blooded  
Indian and having often seen Indians when  
I lived in the State of Georgia, she  
had the identical appearance of them  
and I truly believe that she was a full  
blooded Indian.

I am intimately acquainted with some of  
the descendants of Cherry Paul and they  
have even to this time a marked  
appearance of Indians. I think there  
is not the least shadow of doubt  
about this matter of what I know  
of my own personal knowledge  
and from every appearance.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 17th Jan. 1894. Jessie Proctor  
W. B. Ballard  
Trial Justice

South Carolina {  
Marlboro County { Affiant of the year  
Wm Gray who after being duly sworn says:  
I have heard Wyatt Paul, who was a son of  
Cherry Paul say that his mother was a full  
blooded Indian. I have seen Cherry Paul myself  
and having seen a goodly number of Indians in this State



about the year 1833, she had the identical appearance of them. She had long straight black hair and to every appearance she resembled the Choctaw Indians I saw in Mississippi I verily believe that she was a full blooded Indian of the Choctaw tribe. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of Jan. 1894  
 W.B. Alfred Trial Justice.

State of South Carolina }  
 County of Marlboro }  
 Jan'y 20, 1894.

This is to certify that I was personally acquainted with George Paul [Senior] and his wife Cherry Paul. Also his second wife, Rhoda Paul. Also George Paul's children by his first wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Hurdick, Ruth Paul, Wyatt Paul [father to applicant], Isaac Paul, Jacob Paul, Richard Paul, and William Paul, all of whom was born and raised in this County. George Paul [Senior] resided several years at and near my father's mill in this County. Wyatt Paul [father to applicant] and family worked at my father's farm two years 1843 and 1844. George Paul [Senior] and Rhoda Paul were living near me when they both died in this County.

I have often heard the family of George Paul [Senior] and Cherry Paul boast of their Indian blood and was believe by all that knew them to be half Indians. I know of my own knowledge that they were deprived of voting on account of their Indian blood. They were barred by statute for that reason.

I have been personally acquainted with the children of George Paul [Senior] and Cherry Paul for about 60 years and believe them to be one half Indians. They carry the marks with them to this day. I do hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge given under my hand and seal the day above named.  
 James A. Leggett Notary Public

State of South Carolina }  
 County of Marlboro }  
 I, James A. Drake, Clerk of the common Court of Pleas and general sessions for Marlboro County, S.C., do hereby certify that W.B. Alfred is a duly appointed trial justice in and for County of Marlboro S.C. given under my hand and official seal at Rockwellville, S.C. Jan. 24th, 1894.

James A. Drake  
 Clerk C.C.P. & G.S. for  
 Marlboro Co. S.C.

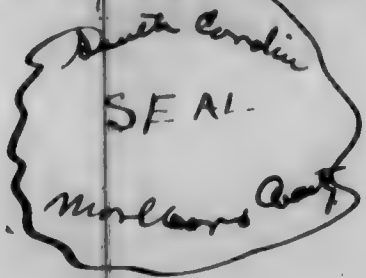


Exhibit "g"

State of South Carolina  
County of Marlboro

Personally appeared before me  
W. B. Alford, a trial Justice of the aforesaid state  
and County B. F. Freeman and after being duly sworn  
says that he can say in all Condo that he  
was acquainted with Wyatt Paul and have often heard  
him say that he was one half Indian of  
the Choctaw tribe and that Cherry Paul, his  
mother, was an Indian (full blooded) of the  
same tribe. I also knew George Paul  
[applicant] John Paul, Ezekiel Paul, Nancy  
Paul, Catherine Paul all Children of Wyatt  
Paul

B. F. Freeman

Subscribed & sworn to before me

this 11th of Sept. 1894

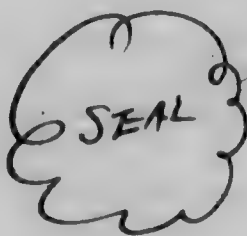
W. B. Alford, Trial Justice

State of South Carolina  
County of Marlboro

I, J. A. Drake, clerk  
of the Court C. P. & G. S., for Marlboro Co.  
South Carolina do hereby certify that W. B.  
Alford is a duly appointed trial Justice.  
We and for the State of South Carolina, Marlboro  
County.

Given under my hand and official  
Seal at Bennettsville, Jan 7th, 1895.

J. A. Drake  
C. C. P. & G. S.  
for  
Marlboro Co., S. C.



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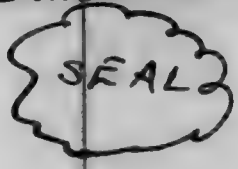
Exhibit "H."

State of South Carolina  
County of Marlboro { Personally appeared be-  
fore me Jesse Wilkinson of the afore-  
said State and County and after being  
duly sworn says that I have been  
personally acquainted with Wyatt Paul  
for more than forty years before his  
death. I have often heard him say  
that he was half Indian and that  
his mother Cherry Paul was a full  
blooded Indian from the Choctaw tribe.  
Deponent further says that he has often  
heard Wyatt Paul speak of going to his people  
in the Indian territory. Deponent further  
says that he was personally acquainted with  
the children of Wyatt Paul and Nancy Paul  
viz: George Paul, [deceased], John  
Paul, Ezekiel Paul, Mary Ann Paul - also  
four [other] daughters.

Subscribed and sworn to before me Sept 7, 1894  
James S. Leggett  
Notary Public

Jesse Wilkinson  
Mark

State of South Carolina  
County of Marlboro { I, J. A. Drake, Clerk of the  
Court of Common Pleas & G. S. for Marlboro  
Co., S.C., do hereby certify that Jas. S.  
Leggett is a duly appointed Notary  
Public in and for the State of South Carolina.  
Given under my hand and seal  
at Sumterville, S.C. Jan. 7, 1895



J. A. Drake  
C.C.P. & G. S. for  
Marlboro Co., S.C.



Exhibit "I"

United States of America {  
Indian Territory }  
Central District }

George Crumey being duly  
sworn states:-

I am -- years old and re-  
side at Mead, I.T. I am acquainted  
with Nora Hart and know her to be  
the daughter of George Paul. I know  
that they have always claimed to belong  
to the Choctaw Tribe of Indians. They  
have the appearance, ways and  
manners of Choctaws.

George Crumey  
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 1st day of Sept. 1896.

Geo. Crumey

M. M. Wainwright  
Notary Public



IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF THE INDIAN TERRITORY, CENTRAL  
DISTRICT, AT SOUTH McALESTER.

Geo. W. Paul, Appellant,  
versus  
Choctaw Nation, Appellee.

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Petition for appeal from the decision of the Commission  
to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Comes now the appellant in the above entitled cause and  
petitions the court to grant an appeal in said cause from the  
decision of the Commission known as the Dawes Commission, created  
and empowered to treat with the Five Civilized Tribes of the Indi-  
ans to wit: The Cherokees, Creeks, Choctaws, Chickasaws and Sem-  
inoles, and to pass upon and decide applications for citizenship,  
in said Five Civilized Nations, which decision by said Commission  
was rendered by authority of, but not in accordance with, an act  
of Congress passed and approved June the 10th, 1896, the aforesaid  
appellant was denied his rights of citizenship in the Choctaw Na-  
tion, Indian Territory. The facts relied upon by appellant to es-  
tablish his citizenship in the Choctaw Nation as aforesaid are as  
follows to wit: That appellant is a one fourth Choctaw Indian by  
blood, being a son of Wyatt Paul a half Choctaw Indian by blood,  
and he (Wyatt Paul), being a son of Chrry Paul, a Coctaw Indian  
woman of the full blood. Appellant has resided in the Indian Ter-  
ritory about six years, and has made application to the Choctaw  
Council, but has been put off from time to time because he did not  
have the amount of money required to be put up.

That appellant has the following children of names and  
ages stated herein, each of one eighth Choctaw blood to wit:

Robert Paul, (son), age 21yrs.  
Anna Paul, (daughter), age 16yrs.  
Vivian Paul, (son) age 15yrs.  
Mrs. Nora Hart, (daughter), age 20yrs.

That a certified copy of said application together with  
the accompanying affidavit was served upon the attorneys of the  
Choctaw Nation prior to Sept. 10, 1896.

The errors of the Commission in rejecting the claim of  
appellant for citizenship, or the ground for appeal to this court  
are as follows:

FIRST.- The Commission erred in rendering its decision on  
said claim adversely to said appellant and against the proof sub-  
mitted by said appellant.

SECOND.- The Commission erred in investigating the claim of  
appellant and denying the same during the absence of a majority  
of the Members of the Commission.

THIRD.- The Commission erred in refusing the appellant the  
rights and privileges of examining the proof submitted by appellee  
in support of the answers filed by the Appellee and denying appel-  
lant the right of filing replication to appellees' answer, produc-  
ing proof in rebuttal of appellees' answer.

FOURTH.- The Commission erred in denying the appellant the  
of a trial of his claim by a competent jury as granted to him by  
law and by the Constitution of the United Staes.

FIFTH.- The Commission erred in refusing the appellant to be  
present in person, or by attorney, during the trial and determi-  
nation of his claim before Said Commission.

SIXTH.- Wherefore, the appellant in this cause prays that an  
appeal be granted to this court, and that a trial de novo be grant-  
ed to appellant and that appellant be permitted to introduce new  
testimony, and that an order be made requiring said Commission to  
send all pleadings, papers, and records filed before them in this  
cause, to this court, and that the Choctaw Nation, the appellee  
in this cause, be cited to appear at this court and plead and de-  
fend against the appeal and show why the appellant and his chil-  
dren should not, by the rule, order, and decisions of this court,  
be entitled to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

George W. Paul,  
Appellant.

Subscribed and sworn to this the \_\_\_\_ day of January  
A. D. ?, 1897.

W. J. Hamilton,  
Attorney for Appellant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public.

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the files of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, at Washington, D. C.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Department of the Interior, at Washington, D. C., this 1st day of January, 1911.

Very truly yours,  
[Signature]

POOR ORIGINAL -  
BEST AVAILABLE COPY

**End**



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William D Paxon

William D. Paxon

Paxon, William D.,  
Paxon, Sophia

BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

William L. Brown Applicant for enrollment as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

YOUR APPLICANT, William L. Brown, respectfully represents to this Honorable Commission that he is a regularly recognized member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians of the Indian Territory and is a bona fide resident of the Choctaw Nation and is entitled to be placed upon the rolls being prepared by this Honorable Commission, as a member of said Choctaw Tribe or Nation, for the following reasons to-wit:

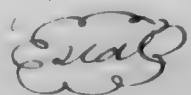
1st. There is no correct and perfect roll of the members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and no law or authority for the Choctaw Nation to make such rolls.

2nd Your applicant was on the 23 day of August 1896. A citizen of the United States and a white man and resident of the Choctaw Nation and was on said date legally and in compliance with the laws of the Choctaw Nation married to Effie Brown nee Effie Brown who was then and is now a regularly recognized member by blood of the said Choctaw Tribe of Indians, a copy of the marriage license and the certificate of marriage is hereto attached and marked exhibits "A" and "B" and made a part hereof.

3rd. By virtue of said marriage your applicant became a member of the said tribe of Indians and has ever since been so recognized by the other members of the said nation and his membership has never been denied or forfeited.

Your applicant files herewith the affidavit of William L. Brown as additional proof of the membership of his wife Effie Brown nee Effie Brown. And ask that his name be placed upon the roll as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23 day of August 1896.



E. A. Doyle  
Notary Public for the Central District of the Indian Territory.

BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of  
William S. Paxon, Applicant for  
enrollment as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

ON THIS the 24th day of August 1896, personally appeared  
before me the undersigned authority, William H. Harrison who,  
having been by me first duly sworn according to law states on his oath as follows  
to wit:

"I am 44 years old, am a resident of Choctaw county of  
the Choctaw nation and am a member of the Choctaw nation. I am acquainted with  
the applicant, William S. Paxon and have known him dur-  
ing the last past 10 years. I know his wife Salvia Paxon  
and have known her for 20 years. I knew her father and  
mother and know them and her to be members, by blood, of the Choctaw Tribe of  
Indians and they are so recognized by other members of the said Tribe. Ever since  
the applicant married said Salvia Paxon he has been re-  
cognized as a member of the said Choctaw Tribe and his right has never been  
disputed.

Mrs. Salvia Paxon was before her marriage  
to the applicant a Miss Salvia Paxon, being the  
daughter of Calvin Paxon and Emily  
Paxon.

The applicant is now a resident of the Choctaw nation.

W. H. Harrison  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 24 day of  
August 1896.

Emal

E. H. Doyle  
Notary Public for the Central District of the Indian Territory.



**End**

Eliza J. Pearce

Eliza J. Pearce

Pearce, Eliza J.,  
Pearce, S. W.,  
Pearce, Ida B., *Ira LC*,  
Pearce, W. H.,  
Pearce, R. R.,  
Pearce, B. N.,  
Snider, Julia E.,  
Snider, Henry Walker,  
Snider, Ritta Ellen,  
Snider, Sallie Leona,  
Snider, Charles Robertson,  
Snider, J. M., H.,  
Snider, Oleg,  
Snider, William Alford,  
Snider, P. F.,  
Whaley, Mary W.,  
Davis, J. A.,  
Whaley, W. F.,  
Whaley, Hatty,  
Whaley, A. R.,  
Whaley, Winey P.,  
Whaley, Walter

Honorable Tax Commission Vinita and her

Believe I witness

Before me the undersigned person  
I did in and for the county of ... State  
personally appeared Julia B. Snider who after  
being duly sworn states that she is a  
sister of Mary W. Whelan & J. A. Davis who  
a relation for Citizenship in the Cherokee  
Nation and her name is on the list of the Tax  
Commission of Vinita and her ... other  
State that her immediate family consists of the  
following name persons in which she is the  
advocate to Citizenship

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| to wit                  | age   |
| Leaves Walter Snider    | 4     |
| Hetta Bess Snider       | 10    |
| Samuel Leona Snider     | 3     |
| Charles Robinson Snider | 1     |
| M. H. Snider            | 7     |
| Chas Snider             | 1     |
| William Alfred Snider   | 5 mos |

Offiant further states that she is the daughter  
of Mary House who was the daughter of Solomon  
Anderson who was a Choctaw Ind of Mississippi  
Offiant further states that J. A. Snider is her husband  
that she was married in the State of Texas



in the year of 8<sup>th</sup> J. E. Snider  
Sawyer to and Subscribed before me to public  
E. Snider in this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1870  
J. H. Morbrey Notary  
Public in & for Archer  
County Texas

Exhibit of Witnesses  
and application for enrollment for citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation and in. Before me  
the undersigned A. Notary Public in and for the  
Central Judicial District of the  
Indian Territory personally appeared Eliza J.  
Pearce and S. W. Pearce who after being  
by me duly sworn states that they are Sister  
and Brother in law to Mary W. Whaley & J. A. Davis  
whos application is on file with the Dawes  
Commission for citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation and Ex Applicant further states that  
Eliza J. Pearce is the daughter of E. L. Davis  
who was the daughter of Mary Gouder who was  
the daughter of Solomon Anderson. She was  
a full blood Choctaw Indian Applicant  
and applicants further states that they claim  
enrollment under the same chain of evidence  
of Mary W. Whaley & J. A. Davis as legal descendants  
from the same family  
Applicants further states that they Eliza J. Pearce  
and S. W. Pearce are husband and wife, that  
they were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on  
the 26 day of February A. D. 1880 in Grayson County  
Texas

Debitants & applicants further state their immediate family consists of the following named persons to wit:

|                  | ages |
|------------------|------|
| Elijah L. Pearce | 25   |
| S. W. Pearce     | 15   |
| Chas. D. Pearce  | 10   |
| W. H. Pearce     | 10   |
| J. C. Pearce     | 7    |
| B. C. Pearce     | 3    |

Elijah Pearce  
S. W. Pearce

Affidavit of Witness  
5

Before me the undersigned Notary Public  
in and for the Central Judicial District of  
of the Indian Territory personally appeared  
I Mary W. Whaley who after being duly sworn  
states that she is a full sister to E. J. Pease  
whose application for citizenship in the  
Choctaw Nation will accompany this.

Mary W. Whaley



The State of Texas }  
County of Cooke }

Before me the undersigned  
authority personally appeared J. A. Davis  
who being by me duly sworn on oath deposes  
and says E. J. Pearson (nee Davis) is within the  
knowledge of affiant a full sister to him  
the said J. A. Davis being the descendant of  
Solomon Anderson who was a Choctaw  
Indian by blood.

given under hand at Dyer Texas this 6 day of  
Aug 1896 J. A. Davis

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
the 6th day of Aug 96 W. M. Boyd J. P.  
Ex Officio Notary Public  
Cooke County Texas

Affidavit of witness  
Before me the under Signed Notary Public  
in and for the County of Judisheet in and for  
of the County in personally appeared Mary  
W. H. Halsey and Eliza J. Pearce who after being  
by me duly sworn state that they are  
Sisters of said E. Snider who application  
are applying for enrollment for  
Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation and that  
and that the said said E. Snider  
claims to Citizenship under the same  
chain of evidence as Mary W. H. Halsey and  
request that her application be filed in  
connection with the said Mary W. H. Halsey  
W. J. A. Davis

Mary W. Halsey  
Eliza J. Pearce

1  
Affidavit of witnesses  
and Application for Citizen Ship in  
the Choctaw Nation Ind Ter  
Before me the undersigned a Notary  
Public in and for the Eastern Judicial  
District of the Indian Territory personally  
Mary W. Whaley & W. F. Whaley who after  
being by me duly sworn depose that  
they are man and wife that they  
were united in the Holy Bonds of  
matrimony on the 21 day of December  
~~in the~~ A.D. 1865 in Rhea County Tenne  
the affiant further state that they  
have two grandchildren & a daughter in  
law that were not placed on the original  
-not application for citizenship in the  
Choctaw Nation the names is as  
follows Hatty Whaley wife of W. F.  
Whaley who is the son of Mary W.  
Whaley & W. F. Whaley and their children  
Winny P. Whaley <sup>age 8 years</sup> and Walter Whaley <sup>age 18 months</sup>  
from which we ask that names to  
be placed on the roll as citizens  
of the Choctaw Nation Ind Ter  
and that W. F. Whaley be admitted as  
he is the husband of Mary W. Whaley  
Mary W. Whaley  
Walter F. Whaley

End



B. F. Pearson

B. F. Pearson

Pearson, B. F.,  
Pearson, Katie Utel,  
Pearson, Mimi Bell,  
Pearson, Daniel Elma,  
Pearson, Floid,  
Pearson, Grover Cleveland,

FRAME 1

Affidavit Witness

In the matter of Citizenship and  
Memorial of B F Pearson for admission  
to Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation  
State of Mississippi County of Choctaw

Personally appeared before me the undersigned  
a notary public in and for the County  
and State aforesaid W H Bramlett who  
after being by duly sworn states  
that he is 62 years of age and a  
resident of the State of Mississippi  
County of Choctaw and that he is  
personally acquainted with B F Pearson  
who is an applicant for citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation affiant  
further states that he knows

B F Pearson to be a Grand Son of  
Robert Bat who is a full brother to  
Henry Bat who claimed to be of  
Indian blood what part I do not know  
I was personally acquainted with him  
& have heard him often speak of his  
Indian ancestors of whom he was very proud

Robert Bat was born in Tennessee in  
about the year 1798 & moved to Holmes  
County Mississippi about the year 1830  
left the said County & State in 1843  
enroute for the Territory but failed to

get there died on White River in  
Arkansas in 1846

Affiant further states that he has  
known the said B F Pearson for the past  
36 years and knows that he has been  
and is recognized by his neighbors  
acquaintances and the public generally as  
having Indian blood that the complexion  
and physical appearance of the said  
B F Pearson indicate that he is Choctaw  
Indian blood and descent Affiant  
further says that from the above  
facts and circumstances and from what he has  
heard & know of the family of  
the said B F Pearson he believes the  
said B F Pearson to be a descendant  
by blood of the Choctaw Indian

W H Brantley

Sworn to & subscribed before me  
this Sept 1st J. P. Kilgore J. P. Proctor  
Notary Public

Term expires 1900.

FRAME 2



FRAME 1

collaborated with  
 in the matters of justice and mercy  
 of a common humanity in the choicest  
 traditions.

State of Mississippi  
County of Madison

[illegible]

I think I am warranted to say that no Southern  
 man could have been so far from the fact which  
 you said, and hence that the evidence now in  
 the recognized history of the Republic  
 and the better illustration of the Indian  
 P. S. Official State that the American and  
 the great appearance of the said P. S. Person  
 indicated that the Indian should not  
 General Affairs of the State that from  
 the it is a fact of circumstances and  
 from the fact of the family of the  
 said P. S. Person that the probability of  
 the Indian

*L. ...*

Sept 1 - 1892

*J. J. Kilgore J.D.*  
*acting Mayor of Republic*

My dear children  
1898

FRAME 2

FRAME 1

Application for enrollment  
To Hon. Henry L. Dawes Com. in charge  
Archibald & McKinnon Thos. James and  
Alexander B. Moulton. United States commis-  
sioners authorized by act of Congress of  
June 10<sup>th</sup> 1890 to hear and determine claims  
for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation  
Gentlemen

The undersigned your  
petitioner for and in behalf of B. P. Pearson  
and his children this day makes ap-  
plication to you for the purpose of  
being ~~enrolled~~ placed on the revised  
rolls of the Choctaw Indians and of those  
allowed to share in the distribution of  
funds and allotments of land in  
the Choctaw Nation by virtue of their  
Choctaw blood. And ground upon  
which his claim is based are as  
follows to wit:

My Grand Father Robert Box  
was one quarter Choctaw Indian. My Mother

Lumina Pearson was a daughter of Robert  
Box was one eighth & myself one  
sixteenth Indian.

and in support  
of said claim your petitioner here  
with submits the affidavits and  
record evidence namely of  
Dr R B Woolly & W N Bramlett and  
respectfully awaits the time and place  
when my application shall be heard  
and tried Respectfully Submitted  
B F Pearson

| Name                     | age | Relationship |
|--------------------------|-----|--------------|
| Katie Alit Pearson       | 13  | Daughter     |
| Mimi Bell                | 5   | "            |
| Daniel Alma              | 4   | Son          |
| Elroid                   | 3   | "            |
| Ernest Cleveland Pearson | 1   | "            |
| B F Pearson              | 36  | applicant    |

Indian Territory District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned  
a notary Public within and for the  
State of Mississippi & Montgomery County  
and afore said B F Pearson who after being  
duly sworn states that the matters  
and things set forth in foregoing  
petition are true as he verily  
believes  
B. F. Pearson

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept 1896

J. J. Milgore J. P. & notary Public

My Commission expires on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
Jan 1900.

FRAME 2



**End**

H.C. Pearson

#1471

H.C. Pearson

Pearson, H. O.,  
Pearson, R. F.,  
Pearson, Allice Gerone

—DEALER IN—

Stewart, Miss., *December 4<sup>th</sup>* 1896

St. Charles, 10/27/27  
Dear Sirs:

Solicited with pleasure  
 find my application  
 - the best which is  
 is based on a  
 feeling of  
 the same  
 more  
 proof, and I am  
 I trust, to be of sufficient  
 to give you the greatest hope  
 to soon be able to leave  
 and favorably to return  
 in the hope of an  
 on my part. I am  
 be so flying to to notify me thereof  
 O. C. take the same thereof  
 for ever on my self. Accordingly  
 very Respectfully  
 H. C. Pearson



# FRAME 1

Affidavit of witness in the matter of  
petition memorial of  
for admission to citizenship in the  
nation

State of Miss } Before me the undersigned  
County of } a notary public in and  
for the County & State aforesaid, personally  
appeared Mary Box who after being  
by me duly sworn states that she is  
67 years of age, and a resident of  
of the State of Mississippi County of Choctaw  
and that she is personally acquainted with  
H. C. Pearson who is an applicant for  
citizenship in the Choctaw nation. Affiant further  
states that she knows H. C. Pearson to be a grandson of  
Robert, Bot who is a full brother of Henry, Bot who  
claimed to be of indian blood, what  
part I do not know I was personally  
acquainted & have with him and have often  
heard him speak of his indian ancestors  
of whom he now can produce, Robert, Bot  
was born in Tennessee, in about the year  
1798 he moved to Holmes County, Mississippi  
about the year 1830 & left the said County &  
state in 1845 enroute for the Territory  
but failed to get <sup>there</sup> died on white river  
in Arkansas in 1846

Affiant further states that ~~she~~ <sup>he</sup> knows  
the said H. C. Pearson for the past 40 years  
and knows that <sup>he</sup> has been ~~and~~ is recognized by his  
neighbors acquaintances and the public generally  
as having Indian blood (Choctaw) that the  
complexion and physical appearance of the said  
H. C. Pearson indicate that he is of Choctaw  
Indian blood and descent. Affiant further  
says that from the above facts and  
circumstances, and from what ~~she~~ has heard  
and know of the family of the said H. C.  
Pearson, ~~she~~ believes the said H. C. Pearson  
to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw  
Indians

Mary Box

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 1st  
day of September 1896

W. H. Gilgore, J. J.  
Notary Public

My term expires 2d 1900

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FRAME 2

# FRAME 1

Affidavit of witness in the matter of petition  
memorial of H. C. Pearson  
for admission to citizenship in the  
Choctaw nation

State of Mississippi }  
County of Montgomery }

Before me the undersigned a notary public in and for the County & State aforesaid, personally appeared W. H. Bramlet who after being by me duly sworn states that he is sixty two years of age & a resident of the State of Mississippi County of Choctaw & that he is personally acquainted with H. C. Pearson who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw nation, affiant further states that he knows H. C. Pearson to be a grandson of Robert Bot who is a full brother to Henry Bot who claimed to be of Indian blood, what part I do not know I was personally acquainted with him & have often heard him speak of his Indian ancestors, of whom he was very proud Robert Bot was born in Tennessee in about the year 1798 & moved to Holmes County Mississippi about the year 1830 & left the said County & State in 1845 enroute for the Territory but failed to get there died on White River in Arkansas in 1846

Affiant further states that he has known the  
said H. C. Pearson for the past 40 years  
and knows that he has been and is recognized  
by his neighbors acquaintances and the public  
generally as having indian blood (Choctaw,  
that the complexion and physical appearance of  
the said H. C. Pearson indicate that he is  
of Choctaw indian blood and decent. affiant  
further says that from the above facts and  
circumstances and from what he has heard  
and knows of the family of the said H. C.  
Pearson that he believes the said H. C. Pearson  
to be a descendant by blood of the  
Choctaw Indians.

J. H. Bramlet  
Sworn to & subscribed before me this the  
1st day of September 1896

J. J. Riggs, J. J.  
acting Notary Public.

Term expires 1900.

FRAME 2



## FRAME 1

Application for Enrollment -  
 to Hon Henry L Dawes Frank C Armstrong  
 Archibald D McKennon Thos B Cahoon  
 and Alexander B Montgomery United States  
 Commissioners authorized by act of Congress  
 of June 10th 1899 to hear and determine  
 claims for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation  
 Gentlemen -

The undersigned your Petitioner for  
 and in Behalf of <sup>H. Pearson</sup> and his children  
 this Day makes application to you for the  
 purpose of being placed on the Revised Rolls  
 of the Choctaw Indians and of those  
 allowed to share in the Distribution of  
 funds and allotments of Lands in the  
~~Choctaw~~ Cherokee Nation by Virtue of their Cherokee  
 blood and grounds upon which <sup>his</sup> claim  
 is based are as follows to wit)

My grandfather Robert, was a quarter blood  
 Choctaw Indian. My mother Lourena Pearson  
 was a daughter of the aforesaid Robert Bot. I  
 have heard her say that her father was one quarter  
 blood Choctaw Indian and that he often spoke  
 of his Indian ancestors of whom he seemed  
 very proud and has often told my mother  
 that they had a claim in the Territory

and in support of said claim, your  
 petitioners herewith submit the affidavits,  
 depositions and record evidence, namely  
 of W. H. Bramlet and M<sup>rs</sup> Mary. Dot  
 and respectfully awaits the time and place when  
 my application shall be heard and tried  
 Respectfully submitted  
 H. C. Pearson  
 Applicant

| Names                 | ages | relationships     |
|-----------------------|------|-------------------|
| R. F. Pearson         | 35-  | Wife of Applicant |
| Allie. George Pearson | 18.  | Daughter          |

Indian Territory  
 District. { Personally appeared before me  
 The undersigned a Notary Public, within and for  
 the County of Montgomery & State of Mississippi  
 and aforesaid H. C. Pearson who after being duly  
 sworn states that the matters and things set forth in  
 the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.  
 H. C. Pearson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of  
 August 1896.

J. J. Kilgore. J. P.  
 Acting Notary Public

My Commission expires on the 1<sup>st</sup> day  
 of January 1898

FRAME 2

**End**

Mary E. Pearson

Mary E. Pearson



Affidavit of witness in the matter of petition & memorial  
of Mary E Pearson for admission to citizenship in the  
Choctaw nation

State of Mississippi )  
County of Montgomery

Before me the undersigned mayor of the  
Village of Stewart Montgomery County

Mississippi personally appeared Elizabeth Bramlet who after being  
by me duly sworn states that she is 61 years of age and a  
resident of Montgomery County Mississippi & that she is personally  
acquainted with Mary E Pearson who is an applicant for  
Citizenship in the Choctaw nation Affiant further states that  
she knows Mary E Pearson to be a Granddaughter  
of Robert Bot who claimed to be of <sup>1/4</sup> Choctaw Indian blood.  
~~that I believe to be correct~~ I was acquainted with him &  
have often heard him speak of his Indian ancestors. he was  
born in Tennessee about the year 1800. Came from there to  
Alabama. from there to Holmes County Mississippi with a  
band of Indians in about the year 1826. from thence  
to Choctaw County Mississippi about 1830 & died in <sup>on White River in Arkansas in</sup> said County in  
1867. affiant further states that she has known the said  
Mary E Pearson for the past 20 years & knows that  
she has been and is recognized by her neighbors acquai-  
-ntances & the public generally as being Choctaw Indian blood  
& that the complexion & physical appearance of the said Mary  
E Pearson indicate that ~~she~~ is of Choctaw Indian blood  
& descent affiant further states that from the above facts and  
from what she has heard & know of the family of the said  
Mary E Pearson she believes her to be a descendant by blood of  
the Choctaw Indian Tribe.

Elizabeth Bramlet.  
M. A. Peoples

Sworn & subscribed to before me }  
This 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 1896

Mayor & acting Notary Public  
in & for the village of Stewart  
Montgomery County Mississippi

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# FRAME 1

Affidavit of Witnesses in the matter of petition  
 & Memorial of Mary E. Pearson for admission to  
 citizenship in the Choctaw Nation  
 - State of Mississippi ) Before me the undersig  
 County of Montgomery ) ned Mayor of the Village of  
 Stewart Montgomery County Mississippi personally  
 appeared W. H. Bramlet who after being by me duly  
 sworn states that he is 62 years of age and a resident  
 of Choctaw County Mississippi and that he is person-  
 ally acquainted with Mary E. Bramlet who is an applicant  
 for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation Affiant further states that  
 he knows Mary E. Bramlet to be a granddaughter of  
 Robert Bot who claimed to be of <sup>merely</sup> Indian blood  
 what part I can not say. I was <sup>merely</sup> acquainted with him ~~to~~  
~~know his brother Henry~~ & I have often heard him <sup>Henry</sup> speak of his Indian  
~~my husband's father~~ ancestors. He was born in Tennessee about the year 1800. came  
 from there to Alabama. from there to Holmes County Mississippi  
 with a band of Indians in about 1826 from there to Choctaw  
~~County Mississippi~~ <sup>Arkansas on White River</sup> about 1830. & died in ~~said County~~ <sup>Arkansas</sup> in 1847  
 Affiant further states that he has known the said Mary E.  
 Pearson for the past 47 years & knows that she has been  
 is recognized by her neighbors acquaintances & the public gener-  
 ally as having Choctaw Indian blood & that the complexion &  
 physical appearance of the said Mary E. Pearson indicates that  
 she is of Choctaw Indian blood & descent. Affiant further  
 states that from the above facts & from what he has heard &  
 know of the family of the said Mary E. Pearson he  
 believes her to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw

Indian Tribe

W<sup>h</sup> Bramlet

Suorai to and subscribed before me this the 8th day of  
September A.D. 1896.

H. A. Peeples

- Mayor of the Village of  
Stewart Montgomery County  
Mississippi  
capps

FRAME 2

## FRAME 1

Application for enrollment.

To Hon. Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, Archibald, S. M. Cannon, Thomas H. Cabiniss and Alexander B. Montgomery, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June the 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Gentlemen:

The undersigned your petitioner for and in behalf of Mary E. Pearson and she this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the rolls of the Choctaw Indians of those allotted to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Choctaw Nation on virtue of their Choctaw blood the grounds upon which her claim is based are as follows: (With this name) Father Robert Bot was one quarter Indian, and Mother Lourena Pearson was a daughter of Robert Bot I claim to be one sixteenth Indian and in support of said claim your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely of H. H. Bramlet and Elizabeth Bramlet and awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and filed.

Respectfully submitted

Applicant

Names.

Age.

Relationship

Mary E. Pearson

48



State of Mississippi } Personally appeared  
Montgomery County } Before me the undersigned  
Mayor for the Village of Stewart County  
of Montgomery State of Mississippi. <sup>W. H. &</sup>  
~~Brantley~~ <sup>Peacock</sup> who after being sworn states that the  
matters & things set forth in the foregoing  
petition are true as he verily believes

W. H. Brantley

Sworn & subscribed to before me  
this September 1896

W. A. Peoples

Mayor & acting Notary Public  
in & for the Village of Stewart  
County, Mont. Miss.

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FRAME 2

The State of Mississippi,

*Montgomery* COUNTY.

I,

*J. S. Cameron*

Clerk of the Circuit Court of

said County, do hereby certify that

*W. A. Peoples*

whose genuine signature appears to the annexed certificate, is now, and was at the date thereof,

*Mayor of the City of Stuart*

an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for said County, duly elected, qualified and commissioned,

that his certificate is in due form, and that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit.

*His Commission was dated some time in Decr 1894*  
*W. A. Peoples* Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office,this *8* day of *April* 189*6**J. S. Cameron*  
CLERK.

FRAME 3

**End**

R. A. Pearson

R. A. Pearson



R. A. Pearson,  
Pearson, Marilla,  
Pearson, Walter,  
Pearson, Lurena,  
Pearson, Mary,  
Pearson, William,  
Pearson, Thos.,

## FRAME 1

Application for enrollment  
to Hon. Henry L. Dawes Frank C. tranter  
Archiball S. McKinnon Thos B. Cabaniss  
and Alexander B. Montgomery United States  
Commissioners authorized by act of Congress  
of June 10<sup>th</sup> 1896 to hear and determine claims  
for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation  
- Petitioner

The undersigned your  
petitioner for and in behalf of R. H. Pearson  
and his children this day make  
application to you for the purpose of being  
placed on the revised rolls of the Choctaw  
Indians and of those allowed to share in  
the distribution of funds and allotments  
of land in the Choctaw Nation by virtue  
of their Choctaw blood and grounds upon  
which his claim is based are as follows  
- to wit

My Grand Father Robert Bat was  
one quarter Choctaw Indian. My Mother Lurena  
Pearson was a daughter of Robert Bat  
was one eighth and myself one sixteenth  
Indian.

And in support of said claim your  
petitioner herewith submits the affidavits  
deposition and record evidenced namely  
Walter Pearson

Iaf Dr R B Woolley & W N Bramlett ~~and~~  
 respectfully await the time and place  
 when my application shall be heard and  
 tried. Respectfully submitted

R. A. Pearson  
 Applicant

| Name           | Age | Relationship |
|----------------|-----|--------------|
| Walter Pearson | 21  | Son          |
| Marilla "      | 19  | Daughter     |
| Lurena "       | 17  | "            |
| Mary "         | 15  | "            |
| William "      | 12  | Son          |
| Phoe "         | 10  | "            |
| Rat Pearson    | 48  | applicant    |

Indian Territory District

Personally appeared before me the  
 undersigned a notary public within and for  
 the State of Mississippi & Montgomery  
 County and aforesaid R A Pearson who after  
 being duly sworn states that the matters  
 and things set forth in the foregoing  
 petition are true as he verily believes R A  
 Pearson subscribed and sworn to before me  
 this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept 1896

A. H. Wilson J. P. & Notary Public

My Commission expires on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1900.

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FRAME 2

## FRAME 1

Affidavit of Witness  
In the matter of citizenship and Memorial  
of Rufus A. Parron for admission  
to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation  
State of Mississippi  
County of Choctaw

I Personally appeared  
Before me the Under-signer a Notary Public  
in the village of Stuart and for the county  
of Montgomery and State of Mississippi  
~~of the County of Choctaw~~ Who after being duly sworn  
states that he is 62 years of age and a  
resident of the State of Mississippi county of  
Choctaw and that he is personally acquainted  
with Rufus A. Parron who is an applicant  
for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation

Affiant further states that he knows Rufus  
A. Parron to be a grand son of J. Robert Box  
who is a full brother to Henry Box who claims  
to be of Indian blood what part I do not  
know I was personally acquainted with him and  
have often heard him speak of his Indian  
ancestors of whom he was very proud Robert  
Box was born in Tennessee in about the year  
1798 & moved to Holmes County Mississippi  
from thence to Choctaw County Mississippi



about the year 1830 and left the said  
County and State in 1843 en route for  
the Territory But failed to get there died  
on White River Arkansas in 1846  
Affiant further states that he has known  
the said Rufus A. Pearson for the past  
36 years and knows that he has been  
and is recognized by his neighbors  
acquaintances and the Public generally as  
having Indian blood that the complexion  
and physical appearance of the said Rufus  
A. Pearson indicate that he is of Choctaw  
Indian blood and decent

Affiant further says that from the above  
facts and circumstances and from what  
he has learned & knows of the family of  
the said Rufus A. Pearson he believes the  
said Rufus A. Pearson to be a decent-  
Breed blood of the Choctaw Indians

Dr R B Mosley

Sworn to and Subscribed Before me  
this Sept 7 - 1896 M A Peoples Mayor of the  
Village of Stuart, Intj Co  
Tenn Expires A D 1900

and acting as a Notary  
Public

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FRAME 2

# FRAME 1

Affidavit of William  
 for the matter of citizenship and memorial  
 of Rufus W. Pearson for admission to  
 citizenship in the State of Mississippi  
 County of Jackson

Pearson appeared before  
 me the undersigned a notary public in  
~~the State of Mississippi~~  
 and the County  
 of Jackson and State of Mississippi W.  
 J. Bramlett, who after being duly sworn,  
 states that he is a white male born and a  
 resident of the State of Mississippi County  
 Jackson and that he is acquainted  
 with Rufus W. Pearson who is the applicant  
 for citizenship in the State of Mississippi.

I declare on this date that Rufus  
 Pearson is the son of a grandson of  
 Robert Pox, who is a great grandson of Henry  
 Pox, who claimed to be of Indian blood  
 what part a doubt I was personally

acquainted with him and have often heard  
 him speak of his Indian ancestors of whom  
 he was very proud. Robert Pox was born in  
 Tennessee (said about the year 1798 and moved  
 to Holmes County Mississippi from thence

to the State of Mississippi about the year  
1820 and left the said county and state in  
1845 and for the Territory but failed to get  
there and in 1845 died in Arkansas in  
1845. Affidant further states that he  
has known the said Rufus B. Pearson for  
the past 36 years and knows that he has been  
and is recognized by his neighbors and  
acquaintances and the public generally as  
being a decent and honest man and for the competence  
and official appearance of the said Rufus B.  
Pearson certifies that he is of the State  
of Arkansas and deceased.

Affidant further says that from the above  
facts and circumstances and what he has  
learned and knows of the family of the

said Rufus B. Pearson he believes the  
said Rufus B. Pearson to be a decent and  
honest man and of the State of Arkansas.

W. N. Bramlett

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st  
1st 1876.  
J. J. Kilgore J. P. & ex officio  
Notary Public

FRAME 2

**End**



Finettiè L. Pease

Finettiè L. Pease

Pease, Finettie Laura,  
Pease, William Albert

Application for Enrollment  
 Before the United States Commissioner  
 For the Five Civilized Tribes  
 Finitia Laura Rose  
 Petitioner  
 Cherokee Nation Indian Territory  
 To the Honorable Commissioner  
 Finitia Laura Rose states  
 that her father William Strong is a  
 full blood Choctaw Indian  
 That petitioner is a daughter of the said  
 William Strong and said  
 Elizabeth Strong - That petitioner left the  
 Choctaw Nation when she was fourteen  
 years of age and is now thirty three years  
 of age that petitioner has lived in the  
 State of Texas and Fort Worth Texas since she  
 left the Choctaw Nation and is now a  
 resident of Ft Worth Texas - That she does  
 not know whether or not her father has ever  
 been enrolled as a citizen of the Choctaw  
 Nation - That under the Constitution  
 Laws Congress and Statutes of the said  
 Choctaw Nation or tribe of Indians and  
 the Laws of the United States and treaties  
 with said Indians said petitioner  
 is entitled to be admitted and enrolled  
 as a citizen and member of the Choctaw  
 Nation Tribe of Indians in Indian  
 Territory and entitled to all the rights  
 benefits privileges and immunities of  
 the Choctaw Indian blood - That  
 petitioner complexion and physical  
 appearance clearly show her Indian blood  
 That there are now living legal  
 descendants of said petitioner  
 one person as follows to wit:

1 William Albert Pearce son & daughter  
2 wherefore the premises Considered for  
3 petitioner pray that her name with that  
4 of her said descendants to wit. - her said  
5 son William Albert Pearce be enrolled  
6 and admitted to all the rights benefits  
7 privileges and immunities of other  
8 Choctaw Indians in and to the Choctaw  
9 Nation or tribe of Indians in the  
10 Territory and that petitioner will ever  
11 pray and in support of her claim  
12 herewith submit the affidavit of  
13 John W. Buford

14 The aforementioned petitioner further  
15 Laura Pearce says that the statements  
16 set forth in the foregoing petition are true  
17 according to her best true and  
18 information and belief.

19 Given to & procured

20 before me this 7th day of June 1891  
21 my hand and seal at the  
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Applications for  
Enrollment of  
Henetta Lema Penn

Applicant of residence

1  
Affidavit of [unclear]  
In the matter of [unclear] and  
[unclear] of [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
for admission to [unclear] [unclear] in the  
Charter [unclear]

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The State of Texas, } I, [unclear], a [unclear],  
County of [unclear] State, in & for  
said County, do hereby, personally, appear  
John W. Thompson, do hereby being  
that [unclear] [unclear] and [unclear] that  
he is 40 years of age and resident in  
said County, State, and his office  
address is [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] for  
26 years [unclear] [unclear] the said  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
from his [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
a [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

John W. Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of [unclear] 1896

Notary Public  
for the County of [unclear]  
State of Texas

100 / [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] 1896

**End**

David F. Peabworth  
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David F. Peabworth



Pebworth David F.

Pebworth Hardy

Pebworth Ida

Pebworth Charles



Clark

State of Arkansas County of

Personally appeared  
before me Asa Townsend a Notary Public  
within and for the County aforesaid  
Mary A. Glover formerly Peabworth  
aged 67 year whose Post office address  
is Curtis Clark County Arkansas  
who being duly sworn deposes  
and says that she is acquainted with  
David H. Peabworth who is a son  
of Joseph H. Peabworth and knows  
him to be a one quarter breed Choctaw  
Indian being the legal heir of Joseph  
Peabworth who is a son of Patsy Peabworth  
McLean who was a full blood  
Choctaw Indian woman was  
recognized as citizen by the Indian  
Authority the said Joseph Peabworth  
is a half breed Choctaw Indian  
man who is the father of David  
H. Peabworth and it is readily seen that  
the said David Peabworth is a one quarter  
breed Choctaw Indian  
Attest Asa Townsend.

Mary A. Glover

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sept. 1896.

My Commission

Expires March 27<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Asa Townsend N.P.  
Notary Public.

Recd May 7/46  
Application of  
David F. Brown  
for Citizenship



State of Arkansas, County of Clark.  
Personally appeared before me Asa Townsend, a Notary  
Public within and for the afore said County, Wm  
M. Glover aged 47 years whose post office address  
is Leavitts, Clark County, Arkansas, who being  
sworn <sup>deposes</sup> says that he is acquainted with David  
F. Rebworth who is a son of Joseph Rebworth and  
know him to be one quarter breed Choctaw Indian  
being the legal heir of Joseph Rebworth who  
is a son of Patsy Rebworth (formerly McKean)  
who was a full blood Choctaw Indian woman  
was recognized as a citizen by the Indiana  
Authority. The said Joseph Rebworth is a half  
breed Choctaw Indian man who is the father  
of David F. Rebworth and it is readily seen  
that the said David F. Rebworth is a one  
quarter breed Choctaw Indian.

Wm M Glover

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
2<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept. 1896.

My Commission  
Expires Mar, 27<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Asa Townsend A.P.  
Notary Public.

**End**

John H. Peabworth  
#947

John H. Peabworth

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Wherefore all the aforesaid premises  
Considered the undersigned Claimant ask of  
your Honorable body to pass upon his claim  
for citizenship and enroll his name for  
which the undersigned Claimant will in  
duty bound forever pray etc.

attest to mark

Asa Townsend }  
witnesses

John Henry <sup>his</sup> Ribworth  
mark

State of Arkansas Clark County.  
Personally appeared before me Asa Townsend  
a Notary Public within and for the  
aforesaid County, John Henry Ribworth  
who being duly sworn says on oath  
that he is the <sup>rightful</sup> Claimant for citizenship  
in the Choctaw nation in the aforesaid  
application and that the same has  
been duly read to me and the same  
is true and correct upon information  
and belief.

Sworn to and Subscribed before  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1896.

John Henry <sup>his</sup> Ribworth  
mark  
Asa Townsend, N.P.

My Commission  
Expires Mar 27 1897 }

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To the Hon Dawes Commission  
To the five Civilized Tribes  
Venita Ind Ter

The application of the undersigned  
Citizen of the United States respectfully  
Represent that John Henry Peabworth  
is a rightfull Applicant for the rights  
of Citizen ship of the Choctaw nation  
he the said John Henry Peabworth is a  
one quarter blood Choctaw Indian  
being the legal heir of Joseph Peabworth  
Patsy Peabworth M. Can who is a full  
half blood Choctaw Indian recognized as  
such by the constituted authority of the  
Choctaw nation draw the annuity money  
with other Choctaw citizens by Blood and  
whence his name is on the old annuity record  
the Joseph Peabworth (a son of Patsy Peabworth  
M. Can and is son of a full blood Choctaw  
Indian woman whose name was Patsy  
Peabworth M. Can who in her life time enjoyed  
all the the privileges and immunities of the  
the Choctaw nation he is a son of said  
nation. The said John Henry Peabworth  
have once in the year 1880 established a  
sufficient proof that he was a one quarter  
blood Choctaw Indian before the court  
of Commission at Sisseton Ind Ter  
and draw the annuity money when  
paid to the Choctaw by the United States gov-  
ernment but the said John Henry Peabworth  
went into the state of Arkansas he remained there  
for several years and upon return the  
Laws of the nation were such that he  
must reestablish his rights of Citizen ship in  
the said nation this he has not succeeded

State of Arkansas County of Clark  
personally appeared before me  
Asa Townsend a notary public  
in and for the County aforesaid  
W.M. Glover aged 47 years whose post  
office address is Arkadelphia Arkansas  
who Deposed and says that he is a  
acquainted with John Henry pebworth  
and knows him to be a one quarter  
Breed Choctaw Indian being the legal heir  
of Joseph pebworth a half breed Choctaw  
Indian who is a son of patdy pebworth  
formerly mcca who was a full Blood Choctaw  
Indian woman and was recognized a citizen  
by the Choctaw authority the patdy pebworth  
who was the mother of Joseph pebworth  
and it is readily seen that the Henry  
pebworth is a one quarter breed Choctaw  
Indian W.M. Glover

attest Asa Townsend  
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
2<sup>nd</sup> day Sept, 1896 Asa Townsend N.P.  
My Commission  
Expires March 27<sup>th</sup> 1897 Notary Public.

Rid sent 7/96  
application  
of John [REDACTED]  
Henry Peabody

State of Arkansas  
County of Howard  
I, Asa Townsend, a Notary Public  
in and for the County of Howard,  
State of Arkansas, do hereby certify  
that the above is a true and correct  
copy of the original of the  
deed of the said Mary A. & C. L. Lovern  
and that she is a  
qualified elector in the County of  
Howard, State of Arkansas, and  
that she is a  
free Christian woman of the  
County of Howard, State of Arkansas.  
I, Asa Townsend, Notary Public,  
do hereby certify that the above is a  
true and correct copy of the  
original of the deed of the said  
Mary A. & C. L. Lovern, and  
that she is a  
qualified elector in the County of  
Howard, State of Arkansas, and  
that she is a  
free Christian woman of the  
County of Howard, State of Arkansas.

Mary A & C L Lovern  
mark

Attest Asa Townsend N.P.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 1st day Sept 1896 Asa Townsend N.P.  
My Commission  
Expires Mar 27<sup>th</sup> 1897 Notary Public



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**End**

Josiah Peabworth  
#946

Josiah Peabworth

To the Hon? Dawes Commission, to the five civilized tribes,  
Vinita, Ind. Ter.

The application of the undersigned citizen of the United States, respectfully represents that ~~Josiah~~ *Josiah* ~~Rebworth~~ *Rebworth* is a rightful applicant for the rights of citizenship in the Choctaw Nation ~~he~~ the said *Josiah* ~~Rebworth~~ *Rebworth* is a one  $\frac{1}{4}$  breed Choctaw Indian ~~he~~ being the ~~legitimate~~ *legitimate* heir of *Joseph Rebworth* who is a  $\frac{1}{2}$  breed Choctaw Indian recognized as such by the constituted authorities of the Choctaw Nation, drew the annuity money with other Choctaw citizens by filed and hence ~~his~~ *his* name is on the old annuity record, ~~the~~ the said *Joseph Rebworth* is a ~~Son~~ *Son* of a full blood Choctaw Indian woman whose name is *Patsy Rebworth (Carmel)* who in her life time enjoyed all the rights, privileges and immunities of the Choctaw Nation as a citizen of said Nation. The said *Joseph Rebworth* have once, in the year 1876, established a sufficient proof that he was a one  $\frac{1}{2}$  breed Choctaw Indian before the court of Commissioner at Lukfatch, Ind. Ter. and drew the "net proceeds" money when paid to the Choctaws by the United States Government. But the said *Josiah Rebworth* ~~lived~~ *lived* into the state of Arkansas and there remained ~~for several years and upon leaving the laws of the Nation~~ *and* such that he must reestablish his rights of citizenship in the said nation, this ~~he~~ *he* has not succeeded up to this time and therefore ceased to enjoy all rights of citizenship in the said Nation. Having the above facts in view the said *Josiah Rebworth* honestly and truly believes that ~~he~~ *he* is entitled to all the rights of citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Wherefore, all the aforesaid premises considered, the undersigned claimant asks your honorable body to pass upon ~~his~~ *his* claim for citizenship and enroll ~~his~~ *his* name, for which the undersigned claimant will in duty bound forever pray, etc.

Attest: *Asa Townsend* *Josiah* *Rebworth*  
Claimant.

Witnesses,

*Wm M. Colson*

*Mangeth Colson*

State of Arkansas, County of Clark?

On this day personally appeared before me a Notary Public within and for the County of said *Josiah Rebworth* who being sworn says on oath, that he is the applicant in the foregoing petition for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, that the same has been duly read over to him and upon information & belief the same is true & correct.

Attest: *Asa Townsend*

Sworn to and subscribed before me Sept. 2nd 1896.

My Commission -  
Expires Mar. 27 1897.

*Asa Townsend* N.P.  
Notary Public.

State of Arkansas Clark County

Personally appeared  
before me Asa Townsend a Notary  
Public within and for the aforesaid  
Mary A. Clover ~~Widow~~ Peabworth  
aged 67 years whose Postoffice address  
is Curtis Clark County Arkansas who being  
duly sworn depose and says that she is  
acquainted with ~~David~~ Joseph Peabworth  
who is a son Joseph Peabworth and  
knows him to be a one quarter breed  
Choctaw Indian being the legal  
heir of Joseph Peabworth who is a son  
of Patey McLean who was a full  
blood Choctaw Indian woman & was  
recognized as citizen by the Indian  
authority the said Joseph Peabworth is  
a half breed Choctaw Indian man  
who is the father of David J. Peabworth  
and is a one quarter breed Choctaw  
Indian

Attest.  
Asa Townsend.

Mary A. <sup>Mc</sup>Clover

Sworn to and subscribed before me Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1896.  
My Commission  
Expires Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Asa Townsend, Notary



State of Arkansas County Clerk  
Personally appeared before me Asa Townsend  
a Notary Public ~~within~~ within and for the  
County of said W. M. Blair aged  
47 years whose Post office address is Arkadelphia  
Arkansas or Curtis Ark's who deposes & says  
that he is acquainted with Josiah Ribworth  
and knows the said Josiah Ribworth to  
be one quarter bred Choctaw Indian  
being a legal heir of the Joseph Ribworth  
who is a son of Putsey Ribworth & McLean  
who was a full blood Choctaw Indian  
Woman. An was recognized as Citizen  
by Choctaw Authority. The said Putsey  
Ribworth was a full blood Choctaw  
Indian woman who is the mother of  
Josiah Ribworth and it is readily seen that  
the said Josiah Ribworth is a one quarter bred  
Choctaw Indian

W. M. Blair

Attest Asa Townsend

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
2nd Sept 1875

Asa Townsend N.P.

My Commission

Expires March 27<sup>th</sup> 1877

Recd Sept 7/26  
Application  
of Josiah Peabody  
for Citizenship

**End**

Louis P. Peabworth  
#943

Louis P. Peabworth



Pebworth Louis P.

Pebworth Vassie

Pebworth Void

To the Hon. Dewar Commission, to the five civilized tribes,

Printed in Ind. T.

The application of the undersigned citizen of the United States, respectfully represents that Louis P. Rebunith is a rightful applicant for the rights of citizenship in the Choctaw Nation he the said Louis P. Rebunith is a pure Quarter blood Choctaw Indian being the legal heir of John Rebunith who was half blood Choctaw Indian recognized as such by the constituted authorities of the Choctaw Nation, and the annuity money with other Choctaw citizens by blood and name. his name is on the old annuity record, the the said John Rebunith is a Son of a full blood Choctaw Indian woman wife of Satsay Rebunith who in her life time employed all the rights, privileges and immunities of the Choctaw Nation as a citizen of said Nation. The said Louis P. Rebunith have been in the year 1876, established a sufficient proof that he was a one Quarter blood Choctaw Indian before the court of Commissioner at Lukfuton, Ind. T. and even the "patronage" money which paid to the Choctaw by the United States Government. But the said Louis P. Rebunith moved into the state of Arkansas and there residing for several years and upon return the laws of the nation are such that he has not reestablished rights of citizenship, in the said nation he has not succeeded up to this time and therefore desired the full rights of citizenship in the said nation. he has never facts in view, the said Louis P. Rebunith honestly and truly believes that his articles to all the rights of citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Therefore all the above said premise considered the undersigned statement was now concerned body to, and upon this claim for citizenship in said nation his name, for which the undersigned claimant still in duty bound forever Ind. T. Louis P. Rebunith

That I am not has two children one girl aged 8  
 yrs, named Vassie Petworth and one boy 1 yr old  
 named Woid Petworth.

Mary A. Cloon  
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State of Tennessee      to wit: Clark-  
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Notary  
Public with in and for the County aforesaid, Louis P.  
Pabworth who being duly sworn says on oath, that he is  
the applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation mentioned  
in the aforesaid application and that he has duly read the  
same and the same is true & correct upon information & belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22<sup>d</sup> day of  
Sept, 1896.  
my Commission  
Expires March, 27<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Yours & Behnwith  
Asa Townsend A.P.  
Notary Public.

Asa Townsend M.  
Notary Public.

State of Arkansas, County of Clark.  
Personally appeared before me Asa Townsend a  
Notary Public, within and for the County aforesaid  
Mary A. Sloan aged about 67 years of age, whose  
post office address is Lumbia, Leland County,  
Arkansas, who being duly sworn say that  
she is well acquainted with Louis P. Rebworth  
Claimant who is a son of John Rebworth  
who was a son of Patsy Rebworth (formerly Sloan)  
The said John Rebworth was a recognized  
Citizen of the Choctaw nation and died at  
Muskogee, Ind. Ter. about the year 1893, in the  
Spring of the year, the Claimant Louis P. Reb-  
worth is a one quarter breed Choctaw  
Indian and a member of the Rebworth fam-  
ily who were recognized Choctaw Indians  
and recognized as Choctaw Citizens.  
Attest to Mary A.

Asa Townsend.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1896.  
My Commission {  
Expires March, 27<sup>th</sup> 1897. }  
Mary A. Sloan  
Asa Townsend, N.P.  
Notary Public

State of Arkansas. County of Clark.

Personally appeared before me Asa Townsend, a  
Notary Public within and for the County aforesaid  
Wm M. Clevon aged 47 years, whose post office  
address is Arkadelphia. Arkansas  
who being duly sworn says on oath:

That he is well acquainted with Louis P.  
Pebworth who is a member of the  
Pebworth family who were the Indians and  
recognized citizens of the Choctaw nation  
He the said affiant says that the said Louis  
P. Pebworth claimant is a one quarter  
breed Choctaw Indian being the son of John  
Pebworth (who died Wheelock Ind. Ter.)  
a half breed Choctaw Indian who is the  
son of of Patsy Pebworth (formerly McLean)  
who was a full blooded Choctaw Indian and  
recognized as such by the proper authority of  
the Choctaw nation.

W M Clevon

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
2<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept, 1896.  
My Commission  
C. L. B. - March 27 1897.

Asa Townsend. N.P.  
Notary Public.



**End**

William M. Peabworth  
#948

William M. Peabworth

Pebworth William M.  
Pebworth Alberta Lee  
Pebworth Wm. H.  
Pebworth Lillie  
Pebworth Pearl  
Pebworth Zelma

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To the Hon. Secy. Commission, to the five civilized tribes,  
Wita, Ind. Ter.

The application of the undersigned citizen of the United States, respectfully represents that William M. Rebworth is a rightful claimant for the rights of citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. He the said Wm M. Rebworth is a one 1/4 blood Choctaw Indian being the legal heir of Joseph Rebworth who is a 1/2 blood Indian recognized as such by the legitimated authorities of the Choctaw Nation, and the annuity roll, with other Choctaw citizens of the same name. His name is on the annuity record, and the said Joseph Rebworth is a Sonny of a full blood Choctaw Indian woman whose name was Patsy Rebworth (in law) and in her life time enjoyed all the rights, privileges and immunities of the Choctaw Nation as a citizen of said Nation. The said Joseph Rebworth never was, and never will be, a citizen of the United States. He has not sufficient proof that he was a 1/2 blood Choctaw Indian before a court of competent jurisdiction at Muskogee, Ind. Ter. and that the "Choctaw Nation" money then paid to the Choctaw by the United States Government. But the said Joseph Rebworth moved into the State of Arkansas and there resided for several years and died before the Choctaw Nation of Arkansas and upon the Choctaw Nation's records of citizenship, in the said Nation, this he has not succeeded in to it is the fact that he does not enjoy all rights of citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. He will not have facts in view, the said Wm M. Rebworth will not and truly believes that he is entitled to all the rights of citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Therefore, all the foregoing being considered, the undersigned claimant begs your honorable body to pass upon his claim for citizenship and enroll his name, for which the undersigned claimant will in duty bound forever pray, etc. Claimant has five children, first Alberta Lee, aged 13 years, 2nd Wm H. aged 10 years, 3rd Willie aged 8 yrs and 4th Pearl aged 5 yrs and 5th John aged 2 yrs. William M. Rebworth attests to which.

May H. Cloon.

Wm M. Cloon.

State of Arkansas, County of Logan.

On this 2nd day of Sept. 1896 personally appeared before me a Notary Public within and for the County aforesaid, and Wm M. Rebworth who being sworn states that he is the Claimant in the foregoing application for Citizenship, Choctaw Nation and to the best of his information and belief he believes all the rights and facts set forth in the same are true & correct.

Subscribed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of Sept. 1896.

Wm M. Rebworth

Notary Public.



State of Arkansas County of Clark

Personally appeared before  
me Asa Townsend a Notary Public within  
and for the County aforesaid W. M. Glover  
Aged 47 year old whose Post office address  
is Curtis Arkansas Clark County who being  
Duly Sworn deposes and says that  
he is acquainted with W. M. Peabworth  
and knows him the said W. M. Peabworth  
to be a one quarter breed Choctaw Indian  
being the legal heir of Joseph Peabworth  
who is a Son of Patsy Peabworth formerly  
McLean who was a full blood  
Choctaw Indian woman was recognized  
as citizen by the Choctaw authority  
The said Joseph Peabworth is a half Breed  
Choctaw Indian man who is Father of  
W. M. Peabworth and it is readily seen  
that the said W. M. Peabworth is a one quarter  
Breed Choctaw Indian

W. M. Glover

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
of Sept. 1896.

My Commission  
Expires Mch. 27<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Asa Townsend N.P.  
Notary Public.

Rec'd Sept 7/96  
Application of  
W M Brewster  
for Citizenship

State of Arkansas county of Clark

Personally appeared  
before me Asa Townsend a Notary Public  
within and for the County aforesaid  
Mary A. Cloven formerly Peibworth  
aged 67 year whose Post office address  
is Curtis Clark County Arkansas  
who being duly sworn deposes  
and ~~that~~ says that she is acquainted  
with Wm. Peibworth and knows him  
to be a quarter breed Choctaw Indian  
being the legal heir of Joseph Peibworth  
who is a son of Patsy McLorn who  
was a full blood Choctaw Indian  
woman was recognized as citizen by  
the Choctaw authority the said  
Joseph Peibworth is a half breed Choctaw  
Indian man is father of Wm Peibworth  
and it is readily seen that the said  
Wm Peibworth is a one quarter breed  
Choctaw Indian

attest to man.

Mary A. Cloven

Asa Townsend.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of Sept. 1896.  
My Commission {  
Expires March 27 1897. }

Asa Townsend N.P.  
Notary Public.

**End**



Polly Ann Peck

Court no 96

Dues no. 1418

Polly Ann Peck

Peck, Polly Ann,  
Pack, A. J. ,  
Peck, Minnie F.,  
Peck, Oscar S.,  
Peck, Benjamin G.,  
Peck, Andrew,

*Peck*

Affidavit of  
*Brithul Grest*

Witness in Claim of  
*Polly Ann Peck*  
*Choctaw* Nation  
for citizenship in

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*Polly Ann Peck & family*  
APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

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*Center* ..... Ind. Ter.

Attorneys for Applicant.

# APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

United States of America, Indian Territory, ss.

THE HON. HENRY L. DAWES, CHAIRMAN DAWES COMMISSION, VINITA, I. T.

Your petitioner, the undersigned, being duly sworn on *her* oath, respectfully states that *her* name is *Pally Ann Peck* age *28* years.

*Camanche, Ind.*  
and husband *A. J. Peck* by intermarriage and that she is entitled by *blood* to citizenship in the Indian Territory, for the following reasons:

That she is a Great-Grandchild of John Cooper who was a Choctaw Indian, who was intermarried to Nancy Ann Piles. The said John Cooper lived and died in Perry Co. Tenn., about the year 1839, and from the marriage of himself and Nancy Ann Piles there were born 7 children as follows:

William H., Pally, Delitha, Henry, Perry, Narcise and Elizabeth.  
Of these children William H. Cooper (who is my Grand-father) and lawful son of John Cooper, was intermarried to Barbara Halbrook in Perry County Tennessee about the year 1820. Of this marriage eight children were born, whose names are Pally, Nancy, John, Rebecca, Jane, Samuel, Caroline, and Linda.  
Of these children Rebecca, who is the 4th child and who intermarried to William B. Brown in Pope County Ark. about the year - -

FRAME 1

John Cooper, was intermarried to Borthen  
Halbrook in Perry County Tennessee  
about the year 1824. Of this marriage  
eight children were born, whose names  
are Pally, Nancy, John, Rebecca, Jane,  
Samuel, Caroline, and Linda.  
Of these children Rebecca, who is the 4<sup>th</sup>  
child <sup>and</sup> who intermarried to William B. Brown  
in Pope County Ark. about the year - -  
is my mother. Of this marriage 8 children  
were born to wit: William N. Caswell  
M. Pally Ann, Mary, George G., Sarah,  
Rebecca and Alice. Of these children 6  
are living, Sarah & Mary deceased.  
I am the 3<sup>rd</sup> child and was intermarried  
to A. J. Peck in Pope Co. Ark. on or about the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1887. Of this marriage we  
have 5 children: Martha (now deceased),  
Minnie F., Oscar J., Benjamin G. and  
Andrew, & now living and my true  
and lawful children

FRAME 2



Andres all living and my lawful  
children

And respectfully asks to be enrolled, together with each member of her family, as a member of  
the Choctaw Indians in the Indian Territory.

Your petitioner states the above facts as the lawful grounds of her application for citi-  
zenship in the said Choctaw Nation, and prays that her claim may be investigated by  
your honorable body and that she be adjudged to be a citizen of said Choctaw Nation  
of Indians and entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to such citizenship in accordance  
with the laws and treaties made with the said Nation of Indians.

WITNESS my hand, on this 12 day of August her 1896.

Witnesses:  
W. L. Deaton  
R. A. Hays

Polly Ann Pick  
mar 16

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 12 day of  
August 1896, and I certify that the said Polly Ann Pick is a  
responsible and creditable person worthy of belief, and that I am not interested in the matter to which this  
claim relates

WITNESS my hand and seal of office on this 17 day of Aug 1896.

(Seal)

W. G. Wirm

Nat'l Public Sols't & Tr.

my Comm. expires June 2/27 1899

FRAME 3

Marriage License

A. J. Peck

J.

Polly Ann Peck

Clergy

### Marriage License:

State of Arkansas }  
County of Pope } To any person  
authorized by law to solemnize  
marriage - *Greeting* You are  
hereby commanded to solemn-  
ize the Rite and publish the  
Banns of matrimony between  
Mr A. J. Peck of Atkins in the  
County of Pope and State of Ark-  
ansas, aged 21 years, and  
Miss Pally Ann Brown of Atkins  
of the County of Pope and State  
of Arkansas, age 20 years  
according to Law and do you  
officially sign and return this  
License to the parties herein named  
Witness my hand and official  
Seal this 9th day of December  
1887. James Potts County Clerk

### Certificate of Marriage:

State of Arkansas }  
County of Pope } J. M. J. McNally  
do hereby certify that on the 15th-  
day of December 1887, I did duly and  
according to law, as commanded in  
the foregoing License solemnize the

rite and publish the bans of matrimony  
between the parties therein named,  
Witness my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
Dec, 1887. St. J. McNally

Certificate of Record  
State of Arkansas } J. T. B. Mauring  
County of Pope } Clerk of the County  
Court and Recorder  
of said County, certify that the  
above License for and Certificate of  
Marriage of A. J. Peck and Miss  
Polly Ann Brown, was on the 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of December 1887 filed in my  
office and the same are now duly  
recorded on page 302 of Book  
"I" of Marriage Records.  
Witness my hand and the seal of  
said County, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Aug.  
1896, (Seal) J. T. B. Mauring, Clerk.



**End**

George F. Peery

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George F. Peery

Peery, George F.,

Peery, Myrtle L.,

Peery, Sarah,

Peery, James O.,

United States of America  
Indian Territory  
Eastern District.

Before the Honorable Commission to  
the First and Second Sessions in the  
Indian Territory.

In the matter of the enrollment of George F. Peery, Myrtle L. Peery,  
Sarah son, James O. Peery as persons who are of the  
Chickasaw Tribe of Indians.

--AFFIDAVIT--

The undersigned, following hereby make affidavit to your Honorable  
Commissioner to be enrolled as members and citizens of the Chickasaw  
Tribe of Indians and state:

1st:-

That on the 26 day of May A. D. 1990, at the Chickasaw Indian  
Territory, applicant George F. Peery and wife, Myrtle L. Peery, residing  
to one Delta Wolfe, residing to the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians  
in the Indian Territory, do hereby make affidavit to the effect that this  
said Delta Wolfe is a full with United States citizen  
is hereby attached, marked and it is hereby declared that the  
said Delta Wolfe was a full with United States citizen Indian, and is fully  
recognized and enrolled member and citizen of the Chickasaw Tribe of  
Indians by blood, and that the said Delta Wolfe is a full with United States citizen  
Chickasaw Indian. That the said Delta Wolfe is a full with United States citizen  
the undersigned hereby make affidavit to the effect that the  
therefore to be enrolled as members and citizens of the Chickasaw  
of the Chickasaw, and that the said Delta Wolfe is a full with United States citizen  
complete jurisdiction to grant the same. A certified copy of this  
affidavit is hereby made a part of the record of the proceedings  
hereof. That on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1993, a liberty with United States citizen  
was duly and lawfully married to one Myrtle L. Parker, in the State  
of Missouri. according to the laws governing marriages in said  
state, and that from ever since said marriage lived together as hus-  
band and wife. That the said Myrtle L. Parker is a white woman and  
was at the time of her said marriage a citizen of the United States by  
birth. That there was born unto the said George F. Peery and Myrtle L.  
Peery, in lawful wedlock, the following named child on, Sarah  
Peery a girl, 2 years of age, and James O. Peery, a boy,

POOR ORIGINAL -  
BEST AVAILABLE COPY



(2)

George H. Perry of San Antonio County, Texas, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing application, and the facts therein stated, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I am a resident of the County of San Antonio, Texas, and of the State of Texas.

(Signed) Geo. H. Perry

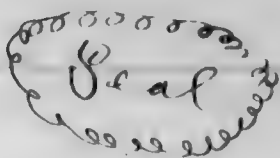
I, George H. Perry, do solemnly swear that the within and foregoing application, and the facts therein stated, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I am a resident of the County of San Antonio, Texas, and of the State of Texas.

Witness my hand and seal this 24 day of August, 1902.

Geo. H. Perry

Subscribed and sworn to by Geo. H. Perry on this 24 day of August, A.D. 1902.

(Signed) (C. J. Thompson)  
Clerk of the County Court  
for San Antonio County, Texas  
by J. H. Wadkiff, Deputy,



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BEST AVAILABLE COPY

George F. Peery and Bella Woolf. Marriage license issued to above named parties by the County Judge on May 24th A.D. 1887.

Marriage certificate

I, A.J. Trippe hereby certify that on the 26th day of May 1887 I united in marriage Geo. F. Peery and Bella Woolf. Witness my hand 26th day of May 1887. A.J. Trippe, M.C.

I hereby certify that the above certificate is a true and correct copy of the original handed me for record 27th day of May 1887. A.H. Law Clerk Pickens Co. C.N.

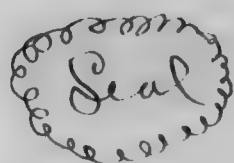
I, hereby certify that above is a true and correct copy of original, This 7th day of August A.D. 1888. Guy Keel, County and Probate Clk. Pickens County, C.N.

EXHIBIT "A"



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A. J. Thompson  
County Court Clerk for Cooke  
County, Texas, by J. H. Midgiff  
Deputy



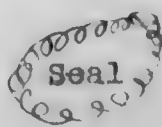
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Indian Territory  
Southern District.

Before me the undersigned authority this day personally appeared G.W.Teterman who after being by me duly sworn says that he is 53 years of age and resides in the Chickasaw Nation Indian Territory and has so resided in said Territory for 11 years, that he is personally acquainted with Bella Peery, that he has known her for 8 ~~year~~ years, that he knew her before and since her marriage with George F. Peery, that he is also acquainted with relatives of the said Bella Peery, that she and all her family I ever knew belong to the Chickasaw tribe of Indians, that he did not know her father or mother they having died before he came to the Territory, that she is a full blood Chickasaw Indian to the best of his knowledge and general appearances, that he knows her to be a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation Ind.Ter., he having put in some land under her, that he is not related to George F. Peery either by blood or marriage and is not interested either directly or indirectly in the question at issue. The affiant is personally well known to me to be a man of honor and entitled to credit. Witness my ~~hand~~ hand and seal of office on this the 27th day of August A.D.1890.

Thos.J.White, Notary Public.



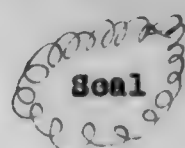
Indian Territory  
Southern Division.

Before me the undersigned authority this day personally appeared T.B.Jones who after being by me duly sworn says that he is 35 years of age and resides in the Chickasaw Nation Indian Territory and has resided in said Territory for 30 years, that he is personally and well acquainted with Bella Peery ( formerly Bella Woolf ) that he has known her for 11 years that he knew before <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ since her marriage with George F. Peery that he is also acquainted with the relations of the said Bella Peery, that she and all of her family that I knew belong to the Chickasaw ~~tribe~~ tribe of Indians, that he did not know her father and mother, she <sup>had</sup> ~~all~~ appearances of a full blood Chickasaw Indian and is so considered and is and always has been (since I have known her) recognized as a Chickasaw citizen. that he is not related to George F. Peery by blood or marriage, and is not interested directly or indirectly in the question at issue. Witness my hand and official seal this the 27th day of August 1896. Thos. J. White, Notary Public, the above witness is a credible person and an honorable man Thos. J. White, Notary Public.



Indian Territory  
Southern District.

Before me the undersigned authority this day personally appeared I.N.Russell, who after being by me duly sworn says that he is 48 years old and resides in the Chickasaw Nation Indian Territory and has so resided for 12 years. That he is personally acquainted with Bella Peery (formerly Bella Woolf) that he has known her for 8 years. that he knew her before and since her marriage with George F. Peery, that he is also acquainted with relations of the said Bella ~~Woolf~~ Peery that she and all of her family that he ever knew were Chickasaw Indians that they all have the appearance of full blood Chickasaw Indians and are so considered, that he did not know her father and mother, that he is not related to George Peery either by blood or marriage and is not interested either directly or indirectly in the question at issue. The above affiant is personally well known to me to be a man of honor and entitled to credit. Witness my hand and seal of office on this 28th August 1896. Thos.J.White, Notary Public.



**End**



martha Pemberton  
#865

martha Pemberton

Pemberton Martha

Pemberton Will

Pemberton Lilly

Pemberton Anona

Pemberton Willie

Pemberton Credelia

Pemberton Shirley

Pemberton Sophrona

Pemberton May Ann

Det. H. H. K. Co. 74  
Sept 7, 1890

That Martha Robertson hereby certifies  
that Sam. P. T. Ch. Taw Indian on mother  
side who was Mary Ann Robert who  
has been dead about 20 years  
Martha Robertson

sworn & subscribed to be true this the  
7 day of Sept 1890 J. J. J. J.  
Notary Public  
J. J. J. J.

That Adam Coleman hereby certify that  
I have Martha Pemberton to be part Cherokee  
Indian on her mother's side and that I have  
her mother to be Mary Ann Kelzist.

Adam Coleman  
 sworn & subscribed before me this 15th day of Sept 1876  
 at Poplar, Va  
 Justice of the Peace  
 for Rock River Co Ky

That Charles Meals certify that I have  
Martha Pemberton to be part Cherokee Indian  
on her mother's side and that I have  
her mother to be Mary Ann Kelzist.

Charles Meals  
 sworn & subscribed before me this 15th day of Sept 1876  
 at Poplar, Va  
 Justice of the Peace  
 for Rock River Co Ky



# APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

To the Honorable Henry L. Daws, Frank C. Armstrong, Archibald S. McKennon, Thomas B. Cabiness and Alexander B. Montgomery, United States Commissioners. Authorized by an act of Congress of June 4th 1896, to hear and determine *Claims for citizenship* in the Choctaw Nation.

Gentlemen: The undersigned, your petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ for  
and on behalf of Charles D. McFarland \_\_\_\_\_ and heirs; this day makes  
this their application to you for the purpose of being placed on the roll of Choctaw Indians and of those entitled  
to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of land in the Choctaw Nation, by virtue of their, his, her  
\_\_\_\_\_ Choctaw blood and herewith submit the

Dr. J. H. Davis of New Orleans  
C. C. Davis

in support of said claim and respectfully await the time when  
shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted

Enrollment of family with relationship attached, as follows:

| Names.              | Age | Relationship.    |
|---------------------|-----|------------------|
| I know the Burberts | 5   | Clarence         |
| Will Burbert        | 4   | George & William |
| Will Burbert        | 3   | George           |
| Charles Burbert     | 2   |                  |
| Will Burbert        | 1   |                  |
| Elizabeth Burbert   | 1   |                  |
| Shirley Burbert     | 1   |                  |
| William Burbert     | 1   |                  |
| Max Burbert         | 1   |                  |

In witness of which I here unto set my hand on this ninth day of Sept 1896

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the  
mist day of Sept + 1896 J. C. Kirkpatrick  
My Comm. expires  
Dec 14 / 1898 Notary Public  
Central Division of N.

**End**

Hettie Perkins  
#1052

Hettie Perkins

Application for enrollment

To the Honorable Chief  
Dear Sir the undersigned your Petitioner  
Hettie Perkins 3 day of September 1896, and  
makes this her application to you for the purpose  
of being placed on the revised roll of Choctaw  
Indians, and of those entitled to share in  
the distribution of funds and allotments  
of land in the Choctaw nation, by virtue  
of an intermarried citizen, and here with  
submit the following evidence in support  
of said claim.

On this the 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of September 1896.  
Came before me, T. D. Rice a notary public  
with in and for the Choctaw nation, second  
judicial Division.

W. M. Stator and C. T. Stator, inter married  
citizens of the Choctaw nation, who is admitted  
to credit and states on oath that the appli-  
cants maiden name was Hettie Steward  
and that on the 25 day of December 1883



that they was present and saw the said  
applicant Hettie Perkins married to  
L. H. Perkins a Choctaw by blood,  
and is eligible, and votes and has all  
the privileges of Choctaw Indian and has  
been in office in different capacities  
and is recognized as  $\frac{1}{2}$  Blood Choctaw  
Indian and that he is now the husband  
of the said applicant Hettie Perkins  
who is the applicant for enrollment.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
T. J. Rice a notary public within and  
for the Choctaw nation Indian Ter.  
Second Judicial Division on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day  
of September 1896.

T. J. Rice  
Notary Public.

Witness to mailing  
H. D. Hamilton.

Application for Enrollment

To the Honorable Chief Justice

Dear Sir, the undersigned your petitioner  
Hettie Perkins on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September  
1896, and makes this her application  
to you for the purpose of being placed  
on the revised Roll of Choctaw Indians  
and of those entitled to share in the  
distribution of funds and allotments  
of lands in the Choctaw nation, by  
virtue of an intermarried citizen, and  
I here by submit the following evidence  
in support of said claims  
on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1896. Came  
before me, J. J. Thomas, Notary Public, within  
and for the Choctaw nation second pro-  
vincial Division. W. W. Stolar and,  
C. J. Stolar, intermarried citizens  
of Choctaw nation who are entitled to audit  
and state on oath that the applicants  
maiden name was Hettie Steward  
and that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December  
1873, that they was present and saw  
the said applicant Hettie Perkins,  
married to L. B. Perkins a Choctaw  
Indian by blood and that he is Eligible

and votes and has all the privileges  
of a Choctaw Indian and that the  
said L. H. Perkins has been a legal  
officer in different capacities and  
is called 1/2 Blood Choctaw Indian  
and that he is now the husband  
of the applicant Jettie Perkins  
who is the applicant for enrollment

Hester Perkins

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
T. J. Rice a Notary Public within and  
for the Choctaw nation Indian  
Territory second Judicial Division  
on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September  
1896

T. J. Rice

Notary Public

**End**



A. Edward Perry

A. Edward Perry

application for citizenship

Indian Territory  
Atoka County.

Before me the undersigned a  
Notary Public This day personally appeared  
A. Edward Perry applicant for citizenship in  
the Choctaw Nation who declared as follows:

My name is A. Edward Perry, I am 28 years  
of age. My birthplace is in the State of Texas  
Territory. I am a citizen of the Choctaw Nation  
by marriage having married Carrie M. Le  
Flore who is a daughter of Foster LeFlore  
a citizen of the Choctaw Nation by birth. I  
was married to said Carrie M. LeFlore on  
July 27, 1896 according to the custom  
of the Choctaw Nation in the District Court  
of marriage cases in the  
Nation on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1896  
A. Edward Perry.

I am to and subscribed for me this 31<sup>st</sup> day  
August 1896

*[Signature]*

W. J. Connor Notary Public

Affidavit of Notary

In matter of Petition<sup>and</sup> memorial  
of A. Edward Perry for enrollment  
as a Chertown Citizen

Indian River,  
Atoka County,

} Before me the undersigned a Notary  
Public for the County of Atoka, Okla. on said  
this day personally appeared ~~Mr. J. H. Perkins~~<sup>Mr. J. H. Perkins</sup>  
who after being duly sworn dep.

I am 40 years of age <sup>and</sup> a resident  
citizen of the Chertown Noting, My  
Post office address is Coal Gate Indian  
Territory. I am personally acquainted with  
the applicant A. Edward Perry. I have  
known him for 6 or 7 years. I am also per-  
sonally acquainted with Carrie M. Perry  
nee ~~Perkins~~ and presumptive of A. Edward  
Perry. I further know that the father of said  
Carrie M. Perry was a Chertown by blood  
and that the same are duly recorded <sup>and</sup>  
registered as Chertown Indians and that  
they enjoy all the rights <sup>and</sup> privileges of such.  
Witness my hand this 26 day of Aug. 1896.

J. H. Perkins

Subscribed before me this 26 day of  
Aug. 1896

A. E. Perry  
~~J. H. Perkins~~ M.O.

## Marriage License

Choctaw Nation  
Atoka County

C. J. F.

To any person authorized by law to solemnize marriages - Greeting.

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the rites & publish the banns of matrimony between  
Mr A. E. Perry of Brad Gate in the Choctaw  
Nation, Indian Terr., age 28 years, a citizen  
of the United States & Miss B. M. L. L. L.  
of Boggy Depot, Indian Territory, a citizen of the  
Choctaw Nation in the Indian Territory,  
age 23 years, according to law, and do  
your official sign & return this license  
to the parties therein named.

Witness my hand & official seal, this 22<sup>d</sup>  
day of July A. D. 1896.

Sam Downing.

Clerk of the County Court.

## Certificate of Marriage

Choctaw Nation  
Atoka County

I, Rev. S. Hippolyte Taper a Catholic  
Priest, do hereby certify, that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day  
of July A. D. 1896, I did duly & according to law,  
or commanded in the foregoing license, to solemnize  
the rites and publish the banns of matrimony  
between the parties therein named.  
Witness my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1896  
Rev. S. Hippolyte Taper  
a Catholic Priest



Entered & recorded in my office the  
the 18<sup>th</sup> day August 1916  
Book 1 Page 31

Am. Surveying  
Co. black Otoko Co.

I hereby certify that the within is a  
true & correct copy of the original Lien  
and certificate

W. V. Ormsby  
J. W. Ormsby

Application for  
Enrollment of  
a & C. Co.  
Boalepto  
27,

H. T. V. Perry,

**End**

Augustus K. Perry

#770

Court no 100

Augustus K. Perry



Perry, Augustus K.,

Perry, Mary J., ( ? )

Perry, William F.,

Perry, Arleigh,

Perry, Elmer J.,

Perry, Elizabeth J.,

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF THE  
INDIAN TERRITORY. AT SOUTH WHEELER, I.T.

Augustus K. Perry et al.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

vs  
CHESTAW NATION.

To the Hon. C. S. Vinson,  
Attorney General of the Chestaw Nation.

YOU are hereby notified that an appeal from the judgment of the  
Jury Commission, to the United States Court for the Central District  
of the Indian Territory, at South Wheeler, has been perfected in the  
above styled cause.

A. K. Perry  
by J. M. M. Kitchell atty.

A. H. Fertig et al  
Vs  
Charlotte Wilson  
Notice of Appeal

Notice of Appeal  
The following is a copy of the original  
notice of appeal filed in the  
court of appeals on the 10th day of  
January, 1909, and is hereby  
certified to be a true and correct  
copy of the original.

NOTICE OF APPEAL  
The following is a copy of the original  
notice of appeal filed in the  
court of appeals on the 10th day of  
January, 1909, and is hereby  
certified to be a true and correct  
copy of the original.

## Affidavit of Witness.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Augustus K Perry  
for admission to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Terrell J. O'Leary } ss.  
County of Lincoln

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Joseph C. Pringle who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 40 years of age, and a resident of the State of G. O. Oklahoma and County of Lincoln and his post office address is Harvey that he is personally acquainted with Augustus K Perry who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors Indian blood.)

That he knows that the applicant is  
the son of Dutree Perry

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Augustus K Perry for the past 7 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Augustus K Perry indicate that he is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Augustus K Perry, he believes the said Augustus K Perry to be a descendent by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendent of the said Dutree Perry.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of September 1898.

Joseph C. Pringle  
R. J. Medford  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires Feb 3 1898.



## Affidavit of Witness.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Augustus R. Perry  
for admission to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.  
Tarrant Co. Okla. } SS.  
County of Lincoln

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas R. Keiser who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 68 years of age, and a resident of the State of Ill. and County of Lincoln and his post office address is Chandler that he is personally acquainted with Augustus R. Perry who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors Indian blood.)

that he knows that the applicant  
is the son of Lutsey Perry

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Augustus R. Perry for the past 8 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Augustus R. Perry indicate that he is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Augustus R. Perry he believes the said Augustus R. Perry to be a descendent by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendent of the said Lutsey Perry.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of September 1896.

Thomas R. Keiser

A. J. Medford

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires Feb 8 1896

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Affidavit

State of Texas {  
Lamar County { 58'

Be it Remembered, That on this the 4 day of September 1896, personally appeared before me M. J. Allen who is a reliable and creditable citizen of Jackson County Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, and after being by me duly sworn, according to law, depose and say that he is a Resident of Jackson County Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, that his age is 75 years and Occupation that of a Farmer that he was well and personally acquainted with Suteez Perry in the Choctaw Nation, State of Mississippi and that the said Suteez Perry was a Choctaw Indian by Blood.

Affiant makes this sworn statement from his own personal knowledge and acquaintance with the aforesaid Suteez Perry formerly of Choctaw and affiant further states that he is not directly interested in the prosecution of the heirs of said Suteez Perry deceased, for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory.

(sd) Sworn and subscribed to before me, M. J. Allen  
Sworn to and subscribed before me by M. J. Allen  
this September 4th 1896 for Suteez Perry Public  
Lamar County  
Texas

Affidavit-

State of Texas  
Samar County, ) s.s.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 4 day of September 1896, personally appeared before me Henry Phillips who is a Reliable and Creditable citizen of Jackson County Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory and after being by me duly sworn, according to law depose and say that he is a Resident of Jackson County Choctaw Nation Indian Territory, that his age is 60 years and occupation that of a Farmer that he was well and personally acquainted with Suteeg Perry in the Choctaw Nation State of Mississippi and that the said Suteeg Perry was a Choctaw Indian by Blood. Affiant makes this his sworn statement, from his own personal knowledge and acquaintance with the aforesaid Suteeg Perry family of Choctaw, and affiant further states that he is not directly or indirectly interested in the prosecution of the heirs of said Suteeg Perry deceased for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation Indian Territory, sworn and subscribed to (w) before me Henry Phillips

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Henry Phillips  
this September 4th 1896      John S. Stow Notary Public  
Samar County Texas

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner will ever pray, etc.

*M. M. Lundy*  
Attorney for Petitioner.

The aforementioned petitioner, *Augustus H. Perry* says that the statements

set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

*Augustus H. Perry* Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *31* day of *August* 1896.

*Commissioner of the Woods* Notary Public.

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICATION OF  
*Augustus H. Perry Et. Al.*  
FOR  
Enrollment in *Choctaw* Nation  
Filed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189  
Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.  
*M. M. Lundy*  
Attorney for Petitioner.  
CAPITAL PRINT, South Manchester.



APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

Before the United States Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians:

Augustus H. Perry Et. Al.

PETITIONER.

VS.

Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory,

RESPONDENT.

APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner Augustus H. Perry states that Lubricy Perry was a Choctaw Indian by blood, was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in State of Mississippi and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and immunities of other Choctaw Indians by blood in the said Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said Lubricy Perry appears or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said Choctaw Indians for the year.

That the petition is a lineal descendant of the said Lubricy Perry to-wit: that Applicant is the son of Lubricy Perry Applicant is now married to his wife name as Mary J. Perry

That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said Choctaw Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other Choctaw Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner 5 persons, as follows, to-wit:

|                    |   |           |     |    |              |
|--------------------|---|-----------|-----|----|--------------|
| Augustus H. Perry  | a | Applicant | and | 52 | years of age |
| William F. Perry   | a | Grand son | and | 19 | years of age |
| Arleigh H. Perry   | a | " "       | and | 16 | years of age |
| Elmer J. Perry     | a | " "       | and | 12 | years of age |
| Elizabeth J. Perry | a | daughter  | and | 19 | years of age |
|                    | a |           | and |    | years of age |
|                    | a |           | and |    | years of age |
|                    | a |           | and |    | years of age |
|                    | a |           | and |    | years of age |

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that his name, with those of

And in support of said claim herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence namely:

Mr. Mr. Lundy  
Attorneys for petitioners.

Augustus H. Perry . . . . . Petitioner.

Commission expires *7/2/1899* *W. W. D. W.* Notary Public.

NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 APPLICATION OF  
*Augustus K. Barry* *El. Al.*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_  
*Choclaw* Nation  
 Enrollment in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Filed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_\_\_  
 See U. S. Com. File No. 11111.  
*W. M. Brady.*  
 Attorney for Petitioner.

**End**

Henry Perry

Henry Perry



Perry, Henry,  
Perry, Blanch,  
Perry, Jessie,  
Perry, Frank,

To the Honorable Dawes Commission,  
VINITA, INDIAN TERRITORY:

Et Al.,

vs.

Tribe or Nation of Indians

after being first duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is years of age and resides

Indian Territory, and that

*John Albion*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 Sept, 1890.

Notary Public.

To the Honorable Dawes Commission,  
VINITA, INDIAN TERRITORY:

Et Al.,

vs.

Tribe or Nation of Indians

after being first duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is years of age and resides

Indian Territory, and that

*Newton Burns*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 Sept, 1890.

Notary Public.

To the Honorable Democratic Commission,  
VINITA, INDIAN TERRITORY.

A Commission, created by the Congress of the United States, to pass upon the claims for citizenship of the five civilized tribes, to include the Choctaw and Chickasaw, and for other purposes.

Henry Perry  
Choctaw  
vs.  
Et Al.,  
People of Nation of Indians

PETITION:

Henry Perry  
Choctaw  
affirms and avers that  
he was born a slave son of William Lawrence  
a Choctaw Indian by blood and that his  
wife is Blanch Perry a U. S. citizen and  
that he has been in the Choctaw nation  
since his birth.

James Perry  
Frank Perry  
age 6  
age 10  
age 12  
age 14  
age 16  
age 18  
age 20  
age 22  
age 24  
age 26  
age 28  
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and that he has never received from the United States any money or other benefit  
We therefore our petitioners present at all the foregoing facts to you in the name of Choctaw  
freemen and their relief.

Henry Perry  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of April, 1866

Notary Public.

**End**



Robert Perry  
#1009

Robert Perry

United States of America  
Chickasaw Nation  
Indian Territory

To the Honorable Commission  
to the Five Civilized Tribes

Your petition Robert Perry  
would most respectfully show to  
your Honorable body

That his name is Robert  
Perry that his maiden name is  
Isabella Perry That his mother  
Name was Choctaw that his said  
mother is a full blood Choctaw  
Indian and his father is a  
colored man. He fore petitioner  
askes that your Honorable body  
Receive and consider the Evidence  
herewith sent in support of his  
claim and that he be enrolled  
as a Choctaw Indian and he  
will ever pray

Robert Perry

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 26th day of August 1896

John M. King

Notary Public

Seal

United States of America  
Chickasaw Nation  
Indian Division

In the matter of the claim  
of Robert Perry to be enrolled as a  
Choctaw Indian Aaron Newberry  
being duly sworn in relation to  
said claim testifies as follows to wit:  
My name is Aaron Newberry I  
am a half blood Chickasaw  
Indian I know Robert Perry  
have known him ever since  
he was a small boy I know  
his mother her name was Tobie  
I know her very well have done  
a many a set with her son  
Robert Perry's mother is a full  
blood Choctaw Indian I am  
61 years old am not kin to  
Robert Perry this about all I  
inform you now about is

Attest  
R. Clark

Aaron <sup>his</sup> Newberry  
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 26<sup>th</sup> day August 1896  
John H. H. ingie  
Notary Public

United States of America  
Chickasaw Nation Indian  
Territory

In the matter of the  
claim of Robert Perry to be enrolled  
as a Chickasaw Indian Edmund  
Brown being sworn in relation  
to said claim testifies as follows  
to wit my name is Edmund Brown  
I am about 75 years old I am  
a colored man I came with the  
Chickasaws to this country from  
Mississippi I have known  
Robert Perry since he was  
quite small I was  
born in Mississippi Forbear  
that I do not know now for  
her she was a full blood Choctaw  
signed in Indian this is all I know

present

I declare

Attest

Sworn to and subscribed before

me this 26th day of August 1890

at

Edmund<sup>his</sup> Brown

mark

before

me this 26th day of August 1890

at

Wm. M. K. K. K.  
Notary Public



United States of America  
Chickasaw Nation  
Indian Territory

In the month of the claim  
of Robert Perry to be enroled as a  
Choctaw Indian. Kilo Brown  
being sworn in relation to  
said claim testifies as follows  
to wit my name is Kilo Brown I am  
a Chickasaw Indian my name  
is on the rolls of Chickasaw  
Indians I am about 75 years old  
come to this country with the other  
Chickasaws from Mississippi I  
know Robert Perry have known  
him ever since he was about  
one and one half years old I  
know his Robert Perry's mother have  
known her ever since a while before  
Robert Perry was born. the Robert  
Perry's mother was a full blood  
Choctaw Indian <sup>I know she was a Choctaw Indian</sup> she used to stay  
with Bob Cochran another Choctaw  
Indian the first time I saw  
Robert after he was born he was  
about a year and half old.

he was then nursed by this choctaw woman and she was his mother I know. she was a full blood Choctaw Indian and signed in that Robert is her son. This is ~~in~~ presence about all I know about the claim.  
Honest  
L. Clark

(Seal)

<sup>the</sup> Wilcox Brown  
<sup>mark</sup>  
sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1898  
Jno. G. McKeingie  
Notary Public

Rec'd Sept 2, 1911  
Robert T. Brown  
for citizenship  
by blood

Rec<sup>d</sup> Sept 21<sup>st</sup>  
Robert P.  
for citizenship  
of Blair

Dead  
born 10 and 11  
on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1898  
and 11<sup>th</sup> of September  
notary public

**End**



Jennie Peters  
#915

Jennie Peters

United States of America  
Chickasaw Nation Indian  
Territory

To the Hon Commission  
to the five Civilised Tribes  
your petitioner <sup>for me</sup> Peter  
would most respectfully submit  
your honorable body that she is the  
daughter ~~that~~ of a Choctaw Freed ~~man~~  
that person <sup>is</sup> Margaret Harris  
was owned by Jersey Cochran  
who was a Choctaw Indian that  
her mother brought to said  
Jersey Cochran & was long before  
the said until the emancipation  
proclamation

whereat ~~she~~ <sup>she</sup> has been enrolled as the  
daughter of a Choctaw Freedman  
as aforesaid <sup>her</sup> ~~name~~ <sup>Peters</sup>

Seal

sworn and subscribed before  
me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896  
Jesse M. Kuzie  
Notary Public

Indian Territory Chickasaw  
Nation now on this day comes  
J.B. Daggs and A.L. Ingram  
two persons who I certify to be  
respectable and who after being  
sworn say they believe the  
affiant credible and the  
identical person he represents  
to his self to be

(Seal) J.B. Daggs  
A.L. Ingram  
sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 14<sup>th</sup> August 1896  
Jno G. M. H. Esq.  
Notary Public

Recd Sept 8/96  
Jennie Peters  
for citizenship  
Daughter of a  
freedman & free woman



United States of America  
Chickasaw Nation  
Indian Territory

In the matter of the Claim  
of Jennie Peters to be Enrolled as  
Daughter of a Choctaw Freedman  
Margaret Clark being duly sworn  
in relation to said claim  
testifies as follows: I am the mother  
of Jennie Peters. I belonged to a  
Choctaw & Chickasaw Nation before the war and the war was  
closed we were Freed and  
I was in the Chickasaw Nation  
at the date of the treaty of Ft. Smith

in presence

R. Clark

R. P. Perry

Margaret Clark

sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 26th day of August 1896

Public

**End**

Edmund J. Petty  
#330

Court no. 22

Edmund J. Petty

Petty, Edmund J.,  
Petty, Elizabeth A.,  
Petty, John L.,  
Petty, Mary A.,  
Petty, Ella,  
Petty, Blanch,  
Matlock, Louisa A.,  
Matlock, George W.,  
Matlock, John,  
Matlock, Nellie,  
Petty, Robert C.,  
Petty, Carrie,  
Petty, Luther,  
Petty, Charles W.,  
Petty, George R.,  
Petty, Margaret E.,  
Petty, Jacob

" " " " " "  
" " " " " "



Before the Commission for the Five Civilized Tribes.

In the matter of the application of  
Edmund J. Petty and his wife, Elizabeth A. Petty,  
and their eight children, John L., aged 35,  
Louisa A., aged 31, Robert C., aged 27,  
Annie P., aged 20, Charles W. aged 20,  
George E., aged 18, Margaret E. aged 18,  
Jacob, aged 10, and the wife of John L., Mary A.  
and the husband of Louisa A., George W. Matlock,  
and the wife of Robert C., Carrie and the  
children of John L. and Mary A., Ella, aged 6, Blanch,  
aged 3: Reuben aged 1, and the children of  
Louisa A. and George W. Matlock, John, aged 7,  
Eddie, aged 3: and the children of Robert C. and Carrie  
Lester, aged 2.

Edmund J. Petty for himself and his wife and children  
and grand-children and daughters-in-law and son-in-law, as above  
named, respectfully represents to this Honorable Commission that he is  
a white man, fifty-five years old and his wife Elizabeth A. Petty, is  
an Indian by blood, being one-eighth Choctaw by blood and is thirty-three  
years old and before her marriage to him was Miss Parr, being the  
daughter of Carry Parr, a white man, and Sally Parr, a one-fourth Choctaw  
Indian by blood. That said Sally Parr was, before her marriage to said  
Carry Parr, a Miss Wamox, being the daughter of William Wamox and Elsie  
Wamox, who was a one-half blood Choctaw Indian.

That the applicant Elizabeth A. Petty, nee Parr, and her  
father and mother and grand-father and grand-mother, on her mother's  
side were old time residents of the Indian Country in the State of  
Mississippi and were members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians in said  
State of Mississippi.

That on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1888, the petitioner, Edmund J. Petty and Elizabeth A. Petty, nee Parr, were in Fannin County, Texas legally married, a copy of the marriage license and marriage certificate is hereto attached and marked exhibit "A", and by said marriage their have been born to the applicants Edmund J. and Elizabeth A. Petty, the ~~following children, to-wit: John I.,~~ Louis A., Amanda P., Robert C., Charles W., George F., Margaret H. and Jacob, and all of said children are now living and are residents of the Choctaw Nation in the Indian Territory.

That on the            day of            18   John L. was legally married to Mary A. Walker, who is a Choctaw Indian and by said marriage their have been born to them, three children, now living, to-wit: Ella six years old, Blanch, three years old and Reuben, one year old.

That on the            day of            18 Louis A. was legally married to George W. Matlock, a white man, and by said marriage their have been born to them two children now living, to-wit: John aged seven and Nellie, aged three.

That on the            day of            18            was legally married to Carrie Sharton, a white woman and by said marriage their have been born to them one child, now living, to-wit: Lillian, two years old.

That all of the above named persons are now residents of the Choctaw Nation of the Indian Territory.

Your applicants further state to this Honorable Commission that they are now and always have been and ever will be possessed of sufficient <sup>means</sup> to prosecute their claim before the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, on account of a certain law of the Choctaw Nation, requiring each applicant applying to be adopted to pay into the National Treasury of the Choctaw Nation, the sum of one hundred dollars for each person asked to be adopted and further providing that no petition should be entertained by the citizenship Committee unless accompanied by the National Treasurer's receipt, showing that the one hundred dollars had been deposited.

Your petitioners further represent that by the laws and customs of the Choctaw Nation, white persons having married Indians, before the adoption of such Indians are entitled to be adopted together with their husbands or wives, as the case may be, as members of the Choctaw Nation and are thereby entitled to full membership in the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that they and each of them be admitted to citizenship and membership in the Choctaw Tribe of Indians of the Choctaw Nation of the Indian Territory and that they be accorded all rights, privileges and immunities, as enjoyed by members by blood of the said Tribe of Indians.

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United States of America,  
Central District of the  
Indian Territory.

Maund J. Petty and Elizabeth A. Petty having been by me first duly sworn according to law to do or their oaths separately that they are two of the above named petitioners and that they have read the above and foregoing application and know the contents thereof and that the statements therein made are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of September, A. D. 1898.

The State of Texas,

County of Fannin,

To any Judge of the District Court, Chief Justice of the County, Justice of the Peace, or regularly Ordained Minister of the Gospel,

Greeting: You are hereby authorized to solemnize the rites of Matrimony between E. J. Petty and Elisabeth A. ~~Emmy~~Parr and make your due return of this license to my office within sixty days certified according to Law. Given under my hand and seal of office at Bonham this 27th day October, 1888.

Sam'l J. Galbreath, County Clerk Fannin County.

Per A. P. Carter, Deputy.

I, James W. Groves a Justice of the Peace ~~Emmy~~ certify that I solemnized the rites of matrimony between E. J. Petty and Elisabeth A. Parr on the 27th day of October, A. D. 1888.

James W. Groves.

The State of Texas,

County of Fannin.

I, J. F. Sailer, Clerk of the County Court and in and for Fannin County, Texas do hereby certify hat the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the marriage license of the parties named therein and also of the return thereon, as is shown by the original license now on file in my office.

Given under my hand and seal of office in the City of Bonham on this 1st day of Sept. A. D. 1888.

J. F. Sailer, Clerk County  
Court Fannin County,

By Jno. S. Gage, Deputy.

(seal)



The State of Texas,

County of Fannin,

To any Judge of the District Court, Chief Justice of the County, Justice of the Peace, or regularly Ordained Minister of the Gospel,

Greeting: You are hereby authorized to solemnize the rites of matrimony between E. J. Petty and Elizabeth A. ~~Petty~~ ~~Parr~~ and make your due return of this license to my office within sixty days certified according to Law. Given under my hand and seal of office at Bonham this 27th day October, 1859.

Sam'l J. Galbraith, County Clerk Fannin County.

Per A. P. Carlton, Deputy.

I, James W. Groves a Justice of the Peace hereby certify that I solemnized the rites of matrimony between E. J. Petty and Elizabeth A. Parr on the 27th day of October, A. D. 1859.

James W. Groves.

The State of Texas,

County of Fannin.

I, J. F. Sadler, Clerk of the County Court now in and for Fannin County, Texas do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the marriage license of the parties named therein and also of the return thereon, as is shown by the original license now on file in my office.

Given under my hand and seal of office in the City of Bonham on this 1st day of Sept. A. D. 1860.

J. F. Sadler, Clerk County  
Court Fannin County,

(seal)

By Jas. S. Cape, Deputy.

Before the Dawes Commission.

In the Matter of the application of  
Edmund J. Petty, et al, applicants for  
membership in the Choctaw Tribe of  
Indians.

John L. Petty having been by me first duly sworn at test  
on his oath that he is 36 years old and is the son of Edmund J. Petty  
and Elizabeth A. Petty, the applicants named in the application and  
that he is one of the applicants therein named.

That on the 25th day of October, A. D. 1886 was legally  
married to Miss <sup>Mary</sup> ~~Edith~~ E. Walker, at that time and his wife are now living  
<sup>Chickasaw</sup>  
together in the ~~Choctaw~~ Nation and by said marriage to one have been born  
to them three children, who are now living, as follows: Mada, aged 6 years  
Blanch, three years old, and Nathan one year old.

The applicant states his marriage license and certificate  
compose part of the records of Kerr County, Texas, and that he is not  
in possession of the same and is unable to furnish copies thereof.

*John L. Petty*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of September, A. D. 1886

*new*

*Wm G. Ralls*  
Notary Public  
in and for Dist. 29.

Before the Dawes Commission.

In the Matter of the application of  
Edmund J. Petty et al, applicants for  
Citizenship in the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

Edmund C. Petty having been by a first duly sworn  
states on his oath that he is 25 years old and that he is a son of  
Edmund J. and Elizabeth A. Petty, two of the applicants named in the  
petition. That on the 14th day of February, A. D. 1868 he was legally  
married to Miss Carrie Wharton and that he and his wife are now living  
in the Chickasaw Nation and there have been born to them one child, now  
living named Luther, aged two years.

The applicant states that he has his marriage license and  
certificate form a part of the records of Brown County, Texas and that  
he is not in possession of the same and is unable to furnish a copy  
thereof.

Edmund C. Petty

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of September, A. D. 1896.

*Seal*

*Joseph Ralls*  
*Notary Public for the*  
*Central Dist. T. T.*

Southern District.

Ind. Ter.

In the matter of the application of  
Elizabeth A. Petty, wife of E. J. Petty,  
for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, Ind. Ter.

Personally appeared before me, a Notary  
Public, for th above named District, Daniel Underwood, who first being  
duly sworn by me made the following statement:

That I am a full blood Chickasaw Indian, my P. O. address is East, Ind.  
Ter., I am eighty year of age.

That I knew a woman in the State of Miss., where I lived, by the name of  
Alsey Wormix, think she was about a half breed Choctaw Indian. I knew  
William Wormix, the husband of Alsey Wormix. I knew their children, I  
knew one by the name of Sallie Wormix; she was one-quarter Choctaw  
Indian. Alsey Wormix died in Miss. Sallie Wormix married a man named  
Garry Parr in Miss. and moved to this Country with the second emigration  
in of Indians. Garry Parr and wife had two children, one was a boy ,  
and the other was a girl. They were small and I never learned their  
names. William Wormix and family were recognized as Indians. I am in  
no way interested in this application.

His  
Daniel Underwood, I  
Notary.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of Sep. A. D. 1898.

J. P. Gardner,

(seal)

Notary Public.

My commission expires 24th day of Jan 1899.



Southern District

Ind. T.

In the application of Elizabeth A. Petty, the wife of  
E. J. Petty, for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, for the  
above named district, S. P. Perry, first being duly sworn on oath  
by me made the following statement: My P. O. Address is Wiley, I. T. I  
am eighty-four of age, and am a Citizen of Choctaw Nation by adoption  
about the year 1883.

Alsey Wynnix, a one-half breed Choctaw Indian and  
lived in the State of Miss. and died there, Sallie Wynnix was a daughter  
of Alsey Wynnix, one-quarter breed Choctaw Indian and came from Miss.  
to this Country with the third migration. Elizabeth A. Petty was a  
daughter of Sallie Wynnix and a grand-daughter of Alsey Wynnix. The  
affiant further states that he is in no way interested in this appli-  
cation.

Witness J. O. Wharton.

S. P. <sup>Seal</sup>  
Perry,  
Notary.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28 day of Aug. 1898.

J. T. Gardner,

seal.

Notary Public.

Southern District, Ind. T.

In the application of Elizabeth A. Petty the wife of E. J. Petty,  
Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, Ind. T.

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public for the above named district  
Lige Colbert first duly sworn on oath by me made his statement as follows:  
That he knew Alsey Wynnix in the State of Miss. and she was a one-  
half breed Choctaw Indian. Alsey Wynnix had a daughter by the name  
Sallie Wynnix, who married Carry Parr; Elizabeth A. Petty was a daughter  
Carry and Sallie Parr, and a grand daughter of Alsey Wynnix. I am seventy  
five years of age, my P. O. Address is Wiley, Ind. T. I am in no way  
interested in this application.

Seal  
Lige E Colbert  
Notary.

Witness J. D. Wharton,

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28 day of Aug. 1898.

seal

J. T. Gardner, Notary Public.

my official term expires 24th day of Jan, A. D. 1899.

Before the Commission for the Five Civilized Tribes.

In the matter of the application of  
Edmund J. Petty, et al, for membership in the  
Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

On this day personally appeared before me the  
undersigned authority, J. D. Wharton and Rachel Wharton, who having  
been by me first duly sworn state on their oaths that they are 58 years  
and 57 years old, respectively and that they are acquainted with  
Edmund J. Petty and his wife Elizabeth A. Petty and that they are the  
parents of eight children, to-wit: John L., Louisa A., Robert C.,  
Amelia P., Charles W., George R., Margaret E., and Jacob and that they  
are also acquainted with the wife of John L., whose name is Mary A. and  
the husband of Louisa A., whose name is George W. Matlock and the wife  
of Robert C., whose name is Carrie and that John L. and Mary A. are the  
parents of three children, Ella, Blanch and Reuben and that Louisa A.  
and George W. Matlock are the parents of two children, John and Nellie  
and that Robert C. and his wife, Carrie, have one child named Luther.

Affiants further state that they are not interested in  
the prosecution of this suit.  
*affiants state that the  
statements set forth in  
the above are true  
according to their best  
knowledge, information  
and belief*

J. D. Wharton

Rachel Wharton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, A. D. 1896.

E. J. Ball

Notary Public for the Central  
District of the Indian Territory.

E. J. Petty  
Esq.

**End**



Elijah C. Phillip  
#1235-

Elijah C. Phillip

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CASE No.

50

AFFIDAVIT

OF

Elijah Cooper Phillips

written.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official seal, the day and year first above

*J. A. Maden*

AFFIDAVIT.

Mack McDonald age 57 yrs  
Tom Bick, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says:

That he resides at Tucker, State of Miss;  
that he is 58 years of age; that he knows Elyah Cooper Phillip  
the claimant, and that he is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife Ann Phillip  
Husband Elyah Cooper Phillip  
Claimant's Father Boen Phillip  
Mother  
Claimant's Father's Father  
Father's Mother  
Mother's Father  
Mother's Mother  
Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather  
Indian Great Grandmother

CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN. None

|    | SEX. | AGE. |     | SEX. | AGE. |
|----|------|------|-----|------|------|
| 1. |      |      | 6.  |      |      |
| 2. |      |      | 7.  |      |      |
| 3. |      |      | 8.  |      |      |
| 4. |      |      | 9.  |      |      |
| 5. |      |      | 10. |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 24 day of August, 1896.

Mack McDonald  
Tom Bick

State of Miss }  
Neshoba County } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 24th day of August, 1896,  
before me, J. J. Mackworth Justice of the Peace, personally came  
Mack McDonald and Tom Bily who speak  
and understand the English language well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

J. J. Mackworth J. P.

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CASE No. 50

AFFIDAVIT

Elijah Cooper Phillips



**End**

George W. Phillips

George W. Phillips

Phillips, George W.,  
Phillips, Mrs. Dora,  
Phillips, Ida, (Saw)  
Phillips, Oliver,  
Phillips, Grover,  
Phillips, Jake,  
Phillips, Birdie,

To His Excellency

The Governor of the  
Chickasaw Nation

Your Petitioner

George W. Phillips represents that he is a resident  
of Adams County, Chickasaw Nation Indian  
Territory and has resided in said Nation and  
Territory for more than one year.

That heretofore he was on the 26 day of August  
1886 your petitioner was married in accordance with  
the laws of the Chickasaw Nation to Mrs Dora Gaine  
who was an enumerated citizen of the Chickasaw  
and the widow of Jim Gaine a Chickasaw  
Indian by blood. That as the result of said  
marriage your petitioner and his wife has four children  
born to them to wit - Ira Phillips age nine years  
Oliver Phillips age seven years - Brown Phillips  
age four years - John Phillips age two years - and  
Berdie Phillips age four months.

Your petitioner makes this  
his application to you for the purpose of himself  
and his children heretofore named being placed  
on the role of the Chickasaw Indians as entitled  
to share in the distribution of funds and allotment  
of lands in the Chickasaw Nation by virtue  
of rights acquired under the Chickasaw laws  
by reason of his marriage in conformity to  
their laws and regulations a citizen by enumeration  
heretofore submitted the affidavits of ~~Dora~~ Phillips  
Frederick Hyde

In support support of said Phillips  
and await the time when this application  
shall be heard & tried 26  
subscribed and sworn to before me this the  
26 day of Aug 1896

George W. Phillips  
J. W. Scouline  
Notary Public



Chickasaw nation 3  
County of Pickett 3

To any Judge of the County or District  
Court ordained Minister of the Gospel in and  
for said County of Pickett. Greeting  
You are hereby authorized to solemnize the  
Rites of Matrimony

Between Mr. George W. Phillips and Mrs.  
Dora Gains and make due return to the  
Judge of the County Court, within thirty  
days hereafter. Certifying your action  
under this license

Witness my official signature  
and Seal of Office. Pickett County Court-  
House this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1886

Willis Dickerson

Judge County Court  
Pickett County

By

Deft.

I D. D. Mullens hereby certify that on the  
26 day of Aug<sup>r</sup> 1886 I united in marriage  
Mrs Dora Gains and Mr George W. Phillips  
the parties above named

Witness my hand this the 26 day  
of August 1886

Edw. D. D. Mullens

Filed for Record 6<sup>th</sup> day Sept 1886 Recorded  
6 day of Sept 1886

M. B. Orrison

Endorsed on back

Clerk

Recorded on pg 94 in

Mon. Rec. Bk.

This 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 1886  
Mrs. Gains  
Chickasaw

Comptroller

Before me the undersigned authority  
on the day personally appeared Frank  
Hyden who being sworn on oath  
say that he was acquainted with  
John Jones during his lifetime.

That the said Jones  
was a Cherokees Indian by blood.

That after the death  
of said Jones his widow married  
George W Phillips, and she is now  
living with the said Phillips as his  
wife.

Frank Hyden

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 27 day of Aug 1896

George Hunt

Notary Public

South East

Indian Ter

(Seal)

Application of  
George W Phillips  
and Family  
for Enrollment



Chickasaw Nation

Indian Territory

Pickens County

Before me the undersigned authority personally appeared

Dora Phillips who being by me sworn on oath say that she in the year 1883

was married in Pickens County Chickasaw Nation Indian Territory to Jim Gaines a Chickasaw Indian by blood

that on the - day of Nov 1884 the said Gaines died. That afterwards to wit -

on the 26 day of August 1886 she was married in conformity to the Chickasaw laws to George W. Phillips. That she has

5 children by the said Phillips living

that she is recognized by the

authorities of the Chickasaw Nation as

an Indian. That she draws her distributable

share of all annuity money paid over

by the Chickasaw Nation. That she and

her husband George W. Phillips permit Agents

license lands and has all the rights

privileges and immunities as other

Citizens of the Chickasaw Nation

Dora Phillips

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1896

Alex W. Wynn

Notary Public

Southern Dist

Ind Ter



**End**

Sack Phillips  
#1267

Sack Phillips

Phillips Sack

Phillips Kmla

Phillips John M.

Phillips Plesse T.

Phillips Sis

Phillips Sarah Ann.

AFFIDAVIT.

Moak McDonald 259  
and Tom Bieby (58 Choctaw), having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes  
and says:  
That he resides at Tucker, State of Miss.;  
that he is 58 years of age; that he knows Jack Phillip  
the claimant, and that he is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the  
following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife Emla Phillip  
Husband Jack Phillip  
Claimant's Father Hunnabee  
Mother Hena  
Claimant's Father's Father  
Father's Mother  
Mother's Father  
Mother's Mother  
Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather  
Indian Great Grandmother

CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

|                      | SEX. | AGE. |     | SEX. | AGE. |
|----------------------|------|------|-----|------|------|
| 1. John M Phillip    | m    | 18   | 6.  |      |      |
| 2. Reese J Phillip   | m    | 15   | 7.  |      |      |
| 3. Sis Phillip       | f    | 12   | 8.  |      |      |
| 4. Sarah Ann Phillip | f    | 2    | 9.  |      |      |
| 5.                   |      |      | 10. |      |      |

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That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from  
recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought  
to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw  
Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 24 day of  
August, 1896.  
Moak McDonald  
Tom Bieby



State of Illinois  
County of Cook } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 20 day of Aug, 1896,  
before me J. J. Madeworth J.P., personally came  
Ma. K. McDonald & Jan. Kelly (Booleans) who speak  
and understand English Language well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

J. J. Madeworth J.P.

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AFFIDAVIT

**End**

Willis Phillips  
#1272

Willis Phillips

Phillips Willis  
Phillips Caroline  
Phillips Lena  
Phillips Selia  
Phillips Gemina  
Phillips Mollie



In Witness Whereof, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above written.

*J. J. Macdonald H. J. D.*

Case No. *94*

**AFFIDAVIT**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Nathaniel Phillips*

# AFFIDAVIT.

*Maack McDonald age 57 yrs*

*Tom Bick*

and says: \_\_\_\_\_, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes

That he resides at *Tucker*, State of *Miss*;  
that he is *58* years of age; that he knows *Willis Phillips*  
the claimant, and that *Willis Phillips Choctaw* he is a *Choctaw* Indian by blood; that the  
following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife *Caroline Phillips*  
Husband *Willis Phillips*  
Claimant's Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Claimant's Father's Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_  
Indian Great Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_

## CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

|                           | SEX.     | AGE.      |           | SEX. | AGE. |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|------|------|
| 1. <i>Fern Phillips</i>   | <i>F</i> | <i>8</i>  | 6. _____  |      |      |
| 2. <i>Lebia Phillips</i>  | <i>F</i> | <i>6</i>  | 7. _____  |      |      |
| 3. <i>Gemima Phillips</i> | <i>F</i> | <i>4</i>  | 8. _____  |      |      |
| 4. <i>Mollie Phillips</i> | <i>F</i> | <i>4m</i> | 9. _____  |      |      |
| 5. _____                  |          |           | 10. _____ |      |      |

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That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from  
recognized members and citizens of the *Choctaw* Nation, and as such ought  
to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the *Choctaw*  
Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the *24* day of  
*August*, 1896.

*Maack x McDonald*  
*Tom x Bick*

*Hot Springs*  
*County of Washington* } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the *24* day of *Aug.*, 1896,  
before me *J. J. Madenworth J.D.*, personally came  
*Black McDonald & Tom Billy*

well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

*J. J. Madenworth J.D.*

CASE No. *94*

AFFIDAVIT

*Walter Phillips*

**End**



E. D. Pickens

#33

E. D. Pickens

Pickens, E. D.,  
Pickens, T. L.,  
Pickens, Willie,  
Pickens, Molly,  
Pickens, Dewitt,  
" Archie W.

Copy

To the Honorable Jeff Kuersten  
Gave of the Choctaw nation  
Enveloped my certificate of marriage  
to J L Eisenberg a white  
woman and their children  
Names of the children are

Willie Pickens  
Katie Pickens  
Dorothy Pickens

Before by Sam Friedman Henry Wilson  
Wife name J L Pickens

I certify that Sam a Choctaw  
Indian by Blood and S. Wilson  
a white man my wife  
E. D. Pickens

Witness and subscribed to before  
me this August 6 1896  
J R Williams N P

Copy

Oct 29 1885 Whyer Joseph Christ  
Notice this is to certify that  
the paper inserted in me  
from the 16<sup>th</sup> of March I  
submitted the rate of Wednesday  
between E. D. Richards and  
J. L. Christchurch at the house  
of J. B. Lee on the date above  
specified. Jeremiah Ellis J. D.

Copy

The Honorable  
Left Governor  
Hon of the Wharfed notice  
Enclosed find Copy of my  
certificate of Marriage which  
I bring this day presented to  
the Duke Commission at Minister  
and he



**End**

Tryphena E. Pearcey

#719

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Tryphena E. Pearcey

Pearcy, Tryphena Elizabeth,  
Pearcy, John W.  
Dean, Mrs. K. E.;  
Dean, A. R.,  
Pearcy, Joseph A.,  
Pearcy, Jas. A.,  
Pearcy, Louisa,  
Pearcy, Ida May,  
Pearcy, Addie,  
Pearcy, John F.,  
Pearcy, ~~Eliza~~ *Eliza*,  
Pearcy, Mary Ellen,  
Pearcy, Blanche,  
Pearcy, Jas. W., *Joe W.*,  
Pearcy, Bertie,  
Pearcy, Rosa Belle Evelynne,  
Pearcy, William Atoka,  
Pearcy, Tennie,  
Pearcy, Fred,  
Pearcy, A. J. ~~Mr.~~,  
Pearcy, Betsy  
Belcher, Martha Ellen (?)

Our No- 717

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

Hefner E. Percy et al  
Hefner & Percy et al

Vs.

\$299

Choctaw Nation.

To Attorney of Record of Choctaw Nation

Dear Sir:

In pursuance with the rules of the United States Court for  
the <sup>Circuit</sup> Southern District, of Indian Territory, governing appeals from the  
"Commission" to the Five Civilized Tribes" to the United States Court,  
for the said District, you are hereby notified that all the applicants  
in the above entitled application, will take an appeal from the decia-  
ion of the said Commission in said cause, to the United States Court  
for the <sup>Circuit</sup> Southern District of the Indian Territory, holden at Ardmore. <sup>Adm. Clerk</sup>

Dicket & Brown,  
Attorneys for Appellants.

<sup>J. M. Hester</sup>  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SOUTHERN DISTRICT, AT ARDMORE, INDIAN TERRITORY

I, Stuart Lordon Hefley, for the Choctaw Nation, do hereby accept  
service in the above styled action, for the defendant, <sup>Choctaw</sup> Chickasaw Nation

This 16 day of January, 1897, not waiving jurisdiction of  
Court at Ardmore Stuart Lordon Hefley

Attorney of Record for the  
Chickasaw Nation.  
Choctaw



Sen. House Commission  
Five Civilized Tribes  
of Indians

Application of Tryphena  
E. Piarcy Et. al.

For Citizen Ship  
Choctaw Tribe  
~~by blood~~

Copy

Wick & Brown  
Attys. for applicants  
Arkansas, Ct.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
SOUTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT,  
ARDMORE, INDIAN TERRITORY.

TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE FIVE CIVIL-  
IZED TRIBES OF INDIANS.

The undersigned petitioners: Tryphena Elizabeth Plearoy and her two  
sons, who are now of age to wit: John W. Plearoy and his <sup>two</sup> children  
to wit: Mrs. A. H. Dean now married to AR Dean. Joseph A. Plearoy  
and his eight minor children to wit:-

Jos. A. Plearoy  
Convin Plearoy.  
Ida M. Plearoy.  
Addie Plearoy.  
John F. Plearoy.  
Eliza Plearoy.

Clauke Plearoy by their father and next friend and the two mar-  
ried sons of Joe Plearoy who are now of age to wit: Joe W. Plearoy,  
his wife Bertie Plearoy and one minor child, Rosa Della Tylline Plearoy  
by their next friend and father, William Atoka Plearoy, and his  
wife Emma Plearoy and one minor child name Fred Plearoy, by their  
next friend and father.

Represent and show to this Honorable body that they and  
each of them are members of the Choctaw tribe of Indians and that  
they and each of them are entitled to have their names en-  
rolled as citizens of the Choctaw tribe of Indians and they all ask  
of this request that their names be placed on the roll to be prepar-  
ed by this Honorable body:

Further these petitioners say:-

First:-

That Tryphena Elizabeth Plearoy is  $\frac{7}{8}$  Choctaw Indian by blood  
her maiden name being Tryphena W. McGinnis, being the daughter of  
William McGinnis and Tryphena McGinnis, deceased, her father  
being  $\frac{3}{4}$  Choctaw Indian by blood. her mother being a full blood  
Choctaw Indian.

Second:-

That in the month of March A. D. 1835 in Wilson county state

of Tennessee, Tryphena Elizabeth Mc Cinnis was married to Williamson Picaroy, deceased, white man. The marriage is evidenced by a marriage certificate which is on file. They then lived together as husband and wife until the year A. D. 1861. Then the said Williamson Picaroy died in Palo Pinto County, State of Texas. That during lawful wedlock was born to them the following children, who are now living, to wit:-

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| John W. Picaroy   | Age 59 , years. |
| Joseph A. Picaroy | " 49 , "        |
| Myrtle Fletcher   | " 36 , "        |

That by reason of being the daughter of Tryphena and Williamson Picaroy, this petitioner is  $\frac{7}{8}$  Choctaw Indian and should be placed on the roll of the Choctaw tribe of Indians.

Third:-

The petitioner, John W. Picaroy states that he is the legitimate son of Tryphena and Williamson Picaroy, and that on the day of 1871, he was lawfully and duly married to A. J. E. Dean, a white woman, at Weatherford Texas; the records of this marriage have been destroyed by fire in the last named town. That since such marriage they have lived together as husband and wife. During their wedlock there have been borned to them one child to wit:- M. M. Dean.

That by being the son of Williamson and Tryphena Picaroy he is  $\frac{7}{8}$  Choctaw Indian, and therefore is entitled to be placed on the roll of the Choctaw tribe of Indians, to be prepared by this Honorable Commission.

Fourth:-

The petitioner Joseph A. Picaroy, states that he is the legitimate son of Williamson and Tryphena Picaroy. That on the day of A. D. 1873, he was married to Miss Detsy Dixon in Hood County in the State of Texas. That since said time they have lived together as husband and wife, and now so living. That during lawful wedlock there have been borned to them ten children, named as fol-

lows, to wit:-

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| William Atoka Pearcy, | age 22 years. |
| W. W. Pearcy,         | " 21 "        |
| Joseph A. Pearcy,     | " 17 "        |
| Louvisia Pearcy,      | " 12 "        |
| Ida May Pearcy,       | " 8 "         |
| Addie Pearcy,         | " 5 "         |
| John W. Pearcy,       | " 15 "        |
| Willet Pearcy,        | " 10 "        |
| Mary Ellen Pearcy     | " 6 "         |
| Marion Pearcy,        | " 2 "         |

That each and all of the above named children are the legitimate children of Joseph A. Pearcy, the last eight of whom, as shown above, being minors. The first two above named are of age.. That this petitioner has lived in the Indian Territory for the past 23 years and has been permitted to hold land in the Indian Territory as an Indian, and has enjoyed many privileges as Indians are permitted to enjoy, and in all the courts in which he has lived, he has always been considered as a Choctaw Indian.

He further states that by reason of being a son of Tryphena and Williamson Pearcy, he is 27/16 Choctaw Indian, and he requests that his name be placed on the roll that is to be prepared by this Honorable Commission.

Fifth:-

The petitioner William Atoka Pearcy, states that he is the legitimate son, of Joseph A and Betsey Pearcy. That in the month of February A. D. 1895 he was married to Tennie Mc Keller in County state of Texas. That since said date they have lived together as husband and wife, and during their wedlock there have been borned to them one child, viz Fred, age one year.

This petitioner states that by reason of being the son of Joseph & Betsey Pearcy he is 7/16 part Choctaw Indian by blood., and his son Fred Pearcy is 7/32 Choctaw Indian by blood.

Therefore he requests that their names be placed on the Choctaw roll, that is to be prepared by this Honorable Commission.

Sixth:-



that my husband is doing the same as Joseph and that Evelyn is a 7/16 Choctaw Indian by blood and that Evelyn is a 7/32 part Choctaw by blood and that that their names be placed on the roll and is to be on this Honorable Commission.

In support of the evidence of the foregoing, attached is

as certain affidavits sworn to by A. H. Searcy, J. W. Searcy & Miss Bartie Wellman  
documentary evidence, also certain illegal, immoral & indecent  
or petitioners

were signed by petitioners pray that they may be recorded

Hidmans { Wm. Bright.

Frykumia Ex-Searcy  
J. W. Searcy  
H. E. Dean

of petitioners  
wherein it is stated that their  
names be recorded  
Hidmuns } Wm. Bright.

Tryphena Ex Pearcey for herself  
 J. W. Pearcey for herself  
 R. E. Deen for herself  
 James W. Pearcey for himself  
 Rasmussen Pearcey  
 Wm. W. Pearcey  
 Jos. W. Pearcey  
 Wm. Pearcey  
 J. W. Pearcey  
 J. W. Pearcey, Louisa E. Pearcey  
 Elijah Pearcey, J. W. Pearcey  
 Mary E. Pearcey, Addie Pearcey  
 Charles E. Pearcey, J. W. Pearcey  
 Wm. A. Pearcey  
 Wm. F. Pearcey, J. W. Pearcey

Indian Territory  
Southern District

Before me, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared Tryphena E. Pearcey for herself, J.W. Pearcey for himself, K.E. Dean for herself, James W. Pearcey for himself, Rosa Belle Pearcey by her father, James W. Pearcey, James A. Pearcey, Bettie Pearcey Joseph Pearcey, J.F. Pearcey, Louvisa Pearcey, Eligh Pearcey, Ida M. Pearcey, Mary E. Pearcey, Addie Pearcey and Blanche Pearcey by their father, Joe.H. Pearcey, and William A. Pearcey for himself and William Fred Pearcey by his father William A. Pearcey each of them stated they had signed the foregoing application for the purposes therein set forth and expressed, and upon oath stated that the facts therein contained were true as they verily believed.

Witness my hand this the 21st day of August 1896.

*[Signature]*

*John F. Braun*  
Notary Public for the  
Southern District.

United States of America,  
Southern Judicial District,  
Ada, Indian Territory.

In. Re. the Citizen-ship claim of Trifena Piercy.

AFFIDAVIT OF M. E. Blackburn.

Now comes M. E. Blackburn and upon oath states that M. E. Blackburn is his name, and that he is 81 years of age, and now resides near Holdenville Indian Territory.

I was raised in the state of Tennessee near Chattanooga Tennessee <sup>M</sup> also lived near Mo. Minnville Tennessee.

While living in the state of Tennessee near Mo. Minnville and while living there I knew William Taylor and wife and was well acquainted with William Taylor and family and I know that William Taylor and wife were full blood Choctaw Indians, and I know that they had a number of children, one of which was a girl name Trifena E. Taylor and that this girl named Trifena E. Taylor married William McGinnis, and William McGinnis claimed to be and was reputed to be about 3 / 4 Choctaw Indian, I know that William McGinnis and wife Trifena E. McGinnis had a daughter named Trifena Elizabeth McGinnis.

The reason why I know the family I was raised up in the same neighborhood and went to school <sup>Chaut</sup> where the last named Trifena <sup>E</sup> McGinnis went to school. While I was about the age of 15 years, I went to school on the Cumberland Mountain, in the State of Tennessee, there was no Post Office at that place at that time, but think that the nearest Post Office was Mo. Minnville. While I was at school on the Cumberland Mountain, I attended the white school and there was an Indian School within about 200 yards as best I remember of the white school, at any rates the schools were so close that the white and the Indians would get together at play time, I remember the afore named Trifena Elizabeth McGinnis went to the Indian School above referred to and was there for some time, I do not remember how long.



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While I was at the aboved named place I knew Williamson Pearcy who lived in that community, as best I remember he claimed to be a part Indian, but I think from General appearance he was a white man.

When I was a young man I often went around <sup>with him</sup> and kept company with Williamson Pearcy, I was with him very often on Sunday at Public Gatherings.

I remember that the sforesaid Williamson Pearcy married the afore named Elizebeth Mc Ginnis, and a short while after the said William son Pearcy and Trifona Elizebeth Mc-Ginnis married they moved away from that neighborhood, and I have not seen either of the since that date.

(Signed)  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896

M. E. Blackburn.  
John F. Brown  
Notary Public in and for the  
Southern Judicial District Indian  
Territory.

SEAL.

United States of America  
Southern Judicial District  
Ardmore Indian Territory

In re The Citizenship claim of Tryphna Elizabeth Pearcy

Supplimental affidavit M.E. Blackburn

Now comes M.E. Blackburn and upon oath states that since he made the above and forgoing affidavit, dated August the 12th 1896, that he has seen the Tryphena Elizabeth Pearcy refered to in that affidavit, and has talked with her and recognized her to be the same and identical Tryphena Elizabeth Pearcy, whom he knew in Tenn. and refered to in the former affidavit refered to, she had been brought ot this place by her son from Clay County, Texas.

(Signed)  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of August. 1896. in the city of Ardmore, Indian Territory

M.E. Blackburn

(Signed)  
Chilieu Riley  
Notary Public in and for  
the Southern Judicial  
District, Ardmore, I.T.



United States of America,  
Southern Judicial District,  
Ardmore, Indian Territory.

In Re. the citizenship claim of Mrs. Tryphena Elizabeth Piercey as.,

Affidavit of Mrs. Tryphena Elizabeth Piercey.

Now comes Mrs. Tryphena Elizabeth Piercey and upon oath states that Tryphena Elizabeth Piercey is her name, my mother named me Tryphena and I after I was old enough to understand named placed Elizabeth to the other name so my name from the time I was a child has been Tryphena Elizabeth McGinnis, until I married Williamson Piercey. My age is 77 years, I was borned in Smith County Tennessee, this was before the County of McMinnville was made.

My father was named William McGinnis, and was a Choctaw Indian, my mother's maiden name was Taylor, her father my grand father was named William Taylor, a Choctaw Indian. Both my father and mother were Choctaw Indians and always passed for Indian every where they lived. I do not know whether my father was a full blood or not

I know that they said he was not all Indian, but he looked like an Indian. When I was a small girl I went to school on the Cumberland Mountains, I do not remember the nearest Post Office at this time.

I went to the Indian School and I remember there was another school close by. The teacher to whom I went was McWare. While I was in the school, I went to school with the Blackburn children, that is the girls, and I remember that their brother M. E. Blackburn came to school where we were and played with us children, we were in the female school and he attended the male school.

I was around where the said M. E. Blackburn was until after I was married and was often with him. I married there in Tennessee and married Williamson Piercey, after we---, my husband Williamson Piercey, claimed to be part Indian but was known as a white man.

After we were married we lived there a while and then, first come to the state of Missouri, Laclede County Mo., from there we moved to Palo Pinto County Texas, from there to Clay County Texas. My husband

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SOUTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT

and died in Palo Pinto County Texas. I am <sup>7/8</sup> part Indian, Choctaw  
and have always been recognized as an Indian <sup>since</sup> every where I have lived  
I never lived in the Indian Territory therefore have never been  
enrolled as an Indian. I have the following named Children living  
<sup>who married A. E. Dean at my house at Weatherford Texas in my presence</sup>  
John W. Piercey, who now lives in Clay County, Texas, Joseph A. Piercey  
who lives near Wilson, in the Chickasaw Nation, I. T. Martha Ellen, who  
is now married to William Belcher, now living in Parker County  
State of Texas, her address is Weatherford.

My present address is Blue Grove Clay County, Texas.

When Mr. Piercey and I were married I was living just over the line  
from Smith County in <sup>Missouri</sup> ~~Missouri~~ County, Tennessee, and he got the  
license in that County. *This was in March A.D. 1835.*

I have not seen Mr. H. E. Blackburn for a long time until to day  
and on seeing and talking with him recognize him as the boy with  
whose sisters I went to school with ~~and then~~ and remember seeing him  
and being with him for a number of years after were grown people.  
I at this time do not any other living relative of mine or any of  
my old acquaintances.

United States of America,  
Southern Judicial District,  
Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Now Comes Mrs. Tryphena Elizabeth Piercey

and upon oath states that she is the applicant and the affiant  
in the foregoing complaint and affidavit and that the facts  
therein set forth are true and correct.

Attest:- *Julian Riley* (signed) *Tryphena Elizabeth Piercey*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896

(signed)

*Julian Riley*  
Notary Public in and for the  
Southern Judicial District  
Ardmore, Indian Territory.

United States of America,  
Southern Judicial District,  
Ardmore, Indian Territory.

In. RE. the citizen ship claim of Traphena Elizabeth Pearcy ET. AL.

Affidavit of:-

Joseph A. Pearcy.

Before me the undersigned authority  
on this the 24 th day of August A. D. 1896 personally appeared be-  
fore me Joseph A. Pearcy, who after first being duly sworn to tel  
the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth deposes and  
says:-

My name is Joseph A. Pearcy, my post office address is Wilson  
I. T. . I know and am well acquainted with John W. Pearcy, I  
know that he was married in JULY A. D. 1891 to Elizabeth Dean and  
that the license which he got to unite them in marriage were issued  
from the Court house in Weatherford Texas, and were returned there  
and that since such return the Court House and the records including  
the marriage license of John W. Pearcy were destroyed by fire.

*attest*  
John F. Brown

*Joseph A. Pearcy*  
Mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 24 th, day of AUGUST  
A. D. 1896, at Ardmore, Indian Territory.

*John F. Brown*

Notary Public.



United States of America,  
Southern Judicial District,  
Arkansas, Indian Territory.

In. RE. The Citizenship claim of Mrs. Triphena Elizebeth Plearoy.

AFFIDAVIT:-

JOHN W. PLEAROY:-

Before me the undersigned authority, appeared John W. Plearoy, who after first being duly sworn to tell the truth and nothing but the truth, deposes and says:- My name is John W. Plearoy my present address is Blue Grove Clay County state of Texas, I was borned in Smith County Tennessee, in the year A. D. 1838, and lived there till my father and mother until I was 19 years of age.

I am the son of Williamson Plearoy, deceased and Triphena Elizebeth Plearoy who is now living and a party to this application, my Grand father and Grand mother on my mother's side who are now dead were named William Mc-Ginnis and Triphena Elizebeth Mc-Ginnis. XXX My Grand Mother was a full blooded Choctaw Indian. My Grand father was said to be about 3/4 Choctaw Indian although he looked to be a full blood Indian. When I was 19 years of age my father and mother moved away from Tennessee, where all of our people resided, and I have not since seen any of my relatives save my father's family. My Grand father and Grand mother are now dead. My father, Williamson Plearoy, died 18 years ago, in Palo Pinto County state of Texas, since his death my mother Mrs. Triphena Elizebeth Plearoy has been living with me. My father's family consisted of 7 children, all of whom are now dead save the following named to wit:-

1 Myself 2 Joseph A. Plearoy.

3 Martha Ellen Belcher, my married sister.

I live at this time in Blue Grove Clay County Texas. On the date of July A. D. 1871. I was duly and lawfully married to Elizebeth Heard and to us during our wedlock have been borned only one child a daughter, who is now married, her name and address is

K. E. Dean Blue Grove Texas. I have always been called and recognize as an Indian wherever I have lived all of our family have been so



considered by brother Joseph A. Pearcey, Now living at Wilson, I. T.  
and has lived in the Indian Territory for some time.

In the year A. D. 1878 in Hood County state of Texas, my  
brother Joseph A. Pearcey was married to Miss Bessie *Sixen*  
and since that day they have lived together as husband and wife and  
are now living together as husband and wife, and unto them during  
wedlock has been borned ten children, 5 boys and 5 girls To wit:-

- 1 William Atoka Pearcey.
- 2 ~~Tennie Mc Keller.~~
- 3 Joe W. Pearcey.
- 4 Joseph A. Pearcey.
- 5 Louisa Pearcey.
- 6 Ida May Pearcey.
- 7 Addie Pearcey.
- 8 John T. Pearcey.
- 9 ~~Eliza Pearcey.~~
- 10 Blanche Pearcey.
- 11 Mary Ellen Pearcey.

The first two above named are married, to wit:-

William Atoka Pearcey, who was duly and legally married in the month  
of February A. D. 1893 to Miss Tennie Mc Keller, and unto them have  
been borned one child during their wedlock whose name is Fred Pearcey  
age / years. The other child who is married and the second  
aboved named is Joe. W. Pearcey who was duly and legally married  
in the town of Henrietta Clay County Texas on the 20 th, day of  
March A. D. 1894 to Miss Bertie Wellington, and unto them during wed-  
lock has been borned Rosa Belle Evelyn Pearcey. All of the remainder  
of the aboved named children are now minors and living with their  
father Joseph A Pearcey near Wilson, I. T.

*J. W. Pearcey*

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 21 day of August 1896.

*(Signed)*

*John F. Brown*

Notary Public in and for the  
Southern Judicial District at  
Arkmore,

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
SOUTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT,  
ARDMORE, INDIAN TERRITORY.

IN. RE, THE CITIZEN-SHIP CLAIM OF TRIPHENA ELIZABETH PEARCY.

AFFIDAVIT OF  
JOE A. PEARCY-

Now comes Joe. A. Pearcy and upon oath states  
that Joe. A. Pearcy is my name, and I was born in the year A. D.  
1849 in the State of Missouri, I then moved with my father and mother  
when I was but 4 or 5 years of age to Weatherford Parker County  
State of Texas, and my father and mother lived in Parker and adjacent  
Counties up to the time of my father's death which was about 13  
years ago. My Mother's name was Triphena Elisebeth Mc Ginnis before  
she married my father.

I was married in the year A. D. 1873 in Hood County State of  
Texas, and my wife's name is Betsey Pearcy. We have ten Children, 5  
Boys and 5 girls, two of them are married and the balance are un-  
married. Our Children names who are married are William Atoka Pearcy  
who was married in February A. D. 1893 to Tennie Mc. Keller they  
have one child whose name is Fred W. KELLER Pearcy. The other child  
who is married is Joe W. Pearcy who was married in Henrietta Clay  
County Texas on the 20 th, day of March A. D. 1894 to Bertie Welling  
ton and they have one child named Rosa Belle Evelyn Pearcy, the  
other eight un-married children are :-

Joseph A. Pearcy 10 yrs John F. Pearcy 10 yrs  
Lavinia Pearcy 12 yrs Eliza Pearcy 10 yrs  
Ida May Pearcy 8 yrs Mary Ellen Pearcy 6 yrs  
Addie Pearcy 5 yrs Blanche Pearcy 2 yrs

I have always been told by my father and my mother that my  
Grand Mother and Grand Father Taylor were both full blood Choctaw  
Indians. I have always been taught that I was an Indian and I have  
always been recognized as an Indian wherever I have lived. I have b  
been living in the Indian Territory off and on for the last 22 years

and I have always been recognised on the Indian Territory as an Indian. I have held land in the said territory and am now occupying a place in the Chickasaw Nation and have been holding it as an Indian. I never have been asked to pay toll at the toll bridges and references <sup>is hereby</sup> made Exhibit A, B, C. and filed with this Affidavit and made a part of same.

There were ~~seven~~ <sup>mother</sup> 7 children in all in ~~our~~ family only 3 are living. The ones living are:- John W. Pigeon, myself, and Martha Ellen Pigeon who was first married to a man by the name of Dove and is now married a second time to a man by the name of Belcher. Mary-  
ha Ellen Belcher had a child by her first husband by the name of Melindy ~~Elm~~ <sup>Elm</sup> Dove.

*(Signed)*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 14th day of August  
A. D. 1888.

*(Signed)* John F. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC

United States of America,  
Southern District of Oklahoma,  
Armore, Indian Territory.

In. Re.

Affidavit of:-

~~James W. Plearoy.~~

Before me the undersigned authority  
personally appeared ~~James W. Plearoy~~ and after being duly sworn to  
tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth deposes  
and says:-

That I my name is ~~James W. Plearoy~~, and I am 31 years of  
age, and ~~James W. Plearoy~~ is my father. I was married on the 20th day  
of March A. D. 1900 in Clay County State of Texas in the town of  
Henrietta to Bertie Hollington and we have been living together  
ever since as husband and wife.

We have had borned to us by virtue  
of that marriage one child by the name of Rosa Belle Evelyn Plearoy.  
We now live in the Chickasaw Nation Indian Territory.

*James W. Plearoy*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 22nd day of July A.D.  
1900 in the town of Armore, Indian Territory.

*John F. Brown*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

*Albert*  
*Werner Buylma*



United States of America,  
Southern Judicial District,  
Armore, Indian Territory.

In. KN.

The affidavit of:-

William A. Pearcy.

Before me the undersigned authority personally appeared  
William A. Pearcy and upon oath states that his name is William A.  
Pearcy, I am 23 years of age, I was married to Jennie Mc Keller at  
Weatherford, Parker County, State of Texas, and by virtue of that  
marriage we have had borned to us one child by the name of William  
Fred Pearcy. I am the son of Joseph A. Pearcy. I have lived in the  
Indian Territory all of my life, being born in the Indian Territory.

*William A. Pearcy*  
*Witness*

Subscribed and sworn to before on this the 22 day of AUGUST 1896.

*Notary* *John F. Brown*

Notary Public.

Attest

*Urcus Bright*

United States of America,  
Southern Judicial District,  
Ardmore, Indian Territory.

In Re. the citizenship claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Pearcey et. al.

Affidavit of William Osburn.

Before me the undersigned authority, on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1896 personally appeared William Osburn, who after first being sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, deposes and says:-

My name is William Osburn, my age is 70 years, my present Post Office address is Box Bar, Indian Territory. I was borned in Smith County state of Tennessee, and lived there <sup>until</sup> I was about 16 years of age at which time I left that country and come to Illinois and the twelve years ago came to Texas, and then came to the Indian Territory in the year, A.D. 1895.

When I was a boy and living in Smith County, Tennessee, I <sup>was</sup> ~~know~~ and was well acquainted with the family of William McGinnis which family live within about one mile of where my father lived, my father was sick while liveing there for about six years as best I rember and I rember that the family <sup>of</sup> William McGinnis <sup>use</sup> ~~cap~~ to see him every few day while he was sick. I was brought up with the children and of William McGinnis and we played together while children as they were about our closest neighbors I was with their family more often than any other family <sup>of</sup> children. I know that William McGinnis and his wife Tryphena were both Indians, Choctaws, and they were at all times called the Indian Family, and the children were known as Indian Children. I rember that there was one girl that was some older than I was, perhaps six or seven years older, and her name was Tryphena Elizabeth McGinnis, she married before I left there and I knew the man whom she married his name was Williamson Pearcey and was a whiteman. I knew her husband Williamson Pearcey <sup>and</sup> have often

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office.

WITNESSES:  
JAMES H. HARRIS  
JAMES H. HARRIS

seen and talked with him and his wife Tryphena Elizabeth both before and after their marriage.

I have not seen the wife of Williamson Pearce since she came to this country <sup>but</sup> I learn from my neighbors that she is now in Clay county Texas. I am not in any way related to the Pearce family.

<sup>attest</sup>  
Morgan R. R. R.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1890.

William H. Osburn  
Notary Public.

United States of America  
Southern Judicial District  
Ardmore, Indian Territory

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In re The Citizenship Claim of Mrs. Tryphena Pearcey  
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Affidavit of N.J. Powers

Before me the undersigned authority personall appeared  
on this the 29th day of August A.D. 1896 N.J. Powers, and upon oath  
to tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth, deposes  
and ~~xxx~~ says;

My name is N.J. Powers, my age is 62 years, I have known  
Joseph A. Pearcey and his wife for twenty years. I have lived neighbor  
to them most all of that time, and I know that they have lived together  
as man and wife, and have raised a family of children. I now live close  
to them and know that they are living as man and wife.

*N.J. Powers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 29th day of August, 1896.

*[Signed]*

*John F. Braun*  
Notary Public.



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*Copy*

Affidavit of James Dixon:-

James Dixon after being duly sworn on oath states that he is well acquainted J. A. Pearcey and has been for the past twenty years and during all that said time the said Pearcey claimed to be an Indian by blood. Affiant further states that the said Pearcey lived among the Choctaw tribe of Indians for several years and was recognized as being of their blood, that he was allowed to pass over their toll bridges without being charged or having to pay any toll, and that he never was required to pay a permit he being recognized as an Indian by blood of the Choctaw tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that he is in no way interested in this party, and making this affidavit will in no way benefit him

His  
James X. Dixon  
Mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 24 th, day of December  
1896

C. M. Stiman  
Notary Public 3 rd, Div, Ind, Terr.

*Ex "A" Copy*

Ardmore, Indian Territory.  
Pikens County,  
Chickasaw Nation.

Exhibit "B" Copy

Know all men by these presents that I Chas. Brown a citizen of the said Nation for and in consideration of \$450. four hundred and fifty Dollars in hand paid, bargained sell and delivered unto J. A. Piercy a citizen of said Nation and I. T.. the described property as follows to wit:-

A tract of land or a place containing about One thousand acres more or less about 8 miles South East of Ardmore and lying on each side of Ardmore and Lebanon road and know as the M. Asgus place or the Abe Bently place bounded as follows. bounded West by Arched Claim and on the South by D. W. Hitch claim and on the North by A. B. Mc Coys claim and on the East by Mc Coy and Whitsell claim

And we do by these presents do bargain sell and deliver unto J. A. Piercy his wife his heirs the aboved described property for the Consideration of \$450.00 Four hundred and fifty Dollars and we will forever warrant and defend the title of said property against any and all lawful claims that may come up against the said property

Witness our hands this the 14 th, day of May 1895

Chas. A. Brown  
her

E-B-I-I-B-I-T. "B"

Chickasaw Nation Indian Territory,  
County of Pikens

I Ouz Keal Clerk.

of the County court of pikens county, Chickasaw Nation Ind, Ter do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and a correct copy of the original. Indexed. re. for record. and duly recorded. on page. 45. in. the General record of Pikens county, Chickasaw Nation Ind...ET....

Given under my hand and the seal of said county at office in Pikens county this 8 th, day of June A. D. 1895

Ouz Keal,  
District and County Clerk of Pikens County, Chickasaw Nation.

Exhibit "B"

Ardmore, Indian Territory.  
Pikens County,  
Chickasaw Nation.

Exhibit B Copy

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And we do by these presents do bargain sell and deliver unto J. A. Piercy his wife his heirs the aboved described property for the Consideration of \$450.00 Four hundred and fifty Dollars and we will forever warrant and defend the title of said property against any and all lawful claims that may come up against the said property

Witness our hands this the 14 th, day of May 1895

Chas. A. Brown  
her  
Josephin X Brown  
Mark.

Witness

J. W. Hall  
W. H. Wallace.

Ardmore, Indian Territory



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B-X-H-I-B-I-T. "C"

AFFIDAVIT OF  
James Bedford.

Copy

James Bedford being duly sworn and upon o  
oath states that he is acquainted with J. A. Pearcey and that he has  
for thirty years and during all that time said Pearcey claimed to  
be an Indian by blood

Affiant further states that said Pearcey lived among the  
Chester tribe of Indians for several years and was recognized as  
being of their blood. that he was allowed to pass over their toll  
bridges without being charged or having to pay any toll and that he  
never was required to pay a permit he being recognized as an Indian  
by blood of the Chester tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that said Pearcey has been recognized  
as an Indian by blood in the country where he has lived. This affiant  
further states that the said Pearcey is the identical person named  
in this application and he is not interested in the prosecution of  
this claim.

J. M. Bedford.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 4 th, day of June 189

C. D. Lintz.

Exhibit "C"

Copy



STATE OF TEXAS,)  
COUNTY OF CLAY.) To all who shall see these presents: Greeting:

Know ye that any person legal authorized to celebrate the

R-I-T-E-S- OF M-A-T-R-I-M-O-N-Y.

is hereby licensed to join in marriage as husband and wife

J. L. Plearoy

A- (D)

Miss Bertie Wellington.

and for so doing this shall be sufficient authority, and who return  
make in sixty days after solemnization.

In testimony whereof, I, as Clerk of Clay County, hereunto sub-  
scribe my name and affix the seal of said Court this the 20  
day of March 1894

L. J. Walker county clerk

The state of Texas. )  
To wit:- Clay County S.S. )

This certified that I joined in mar-  
riage as husband and wife

J. W. Plearoy

and

Miss Bertie Wellington.

on the 20 th, day of March 1894

T. J. Barrett Co Judge.

The State of Texas.)  
County of Clay )

I L. J. Walker clerk of the County Court of

Clay County Texas do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and  
correct copy of the original Marriage license as the same appears in  
my office in Book 2 page 125.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at  
office in Henrietta this the 20 th, day of August A. D. 1896.

L. J. Walker

clerk.

H. A. Hazen

Deputy

Copy -

**End**

David K. Pierson  
#838

David K. Pierson

Pierson, David K.,  
Pierson, Andrew,  
Pierson, Elizabeth,  
Pierson, Laura,  
Pierson, ....rttie,  
Pierson, ...y B.,  
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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of America,  
Indian Territory, Central District.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Notary Public in and for the above named District and Territory, Willis Kincaide who after being duly sworn states that he is personally acquainted with David K. and Andrew Pierson and have known them for the past 17 years and know that they are the ~~sons~~ <sup>sons</sup> of Robert Pierson a Choctaw Indian by blood and who was at least 1/2 Choctaw Indian and a recognized citizen of the Choctaw Nation and a member of the Choctaw Indian tribe.

Affiant further says that he has been residing among the Choctaw Indians all of his life and that he knows a Choctaw Indian when he sees one and that from the physical appearance, habits complexion and manners of the said Andrew and David K. Pierson he believes them to be of Choctaw Indian blood and at least 1/4 Choctaw blood.

...Willis Kincaide.....  
Mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th day of Sept. 1893.

W. M. Kincaide

Notary Public.

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Attorneys for petitioner.

The aforementioned petitioner,

says that the statements

set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

*Andrew Daimon and David Pearson* Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

5 day of

1896.

*William Shaw*  
Notary Public.

No.

APPLICATION OF

*David K. Pearson* Et. Al.,  
*Andrew Pearson*

FOR  
Enrollment in *Choctaw* Nation

Filed on the day of 189.

*J. P. Mullen*  
Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.  
Attorney for Petitioner.

CAPITAL PRINT, South McAlester.



\*\*\* Et. Al.

vs.

Your petitioner ..... states that .....  
 was a ..... Indian by blood, was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in .....  
 ..... and enjoyed all the rights, privileges,  
 benefits and immunities of other ..... Indians by blood in the said .....  
 Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said ..... appears  
 or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said ..... Indians for the year.....

That his present office address is South Healdston, I. E. that they are 35 and 27 respectively that he is an aborigine member of the Otter Blood and the others 1/4 Otter blood that they have their Indian blood from the father of the late Robert Pimms who was a Native Indian and a descendant of one of the Otter Indians of the name of the late Pimms, are alive and die in the County of Tokoro Bay, New South Wales, I. E.

That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said \_\_\_\_\_ Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other \_\_\_\_\_ Indians by blood.

[illegible]

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that .....name, with those of

..... said descendants to-wit: .....

and..... be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other..... Indians, in and to the..... Nation or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

And in support of said claim herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence namely: .....

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Attorneys for petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner,..... says that the statements set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

*Andrew Pearson and David K. Pearson* Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *5* day of *Sept* 1896.  
*William H. Sauer*  
Notary Public.

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| No..... | APPLICATION OF                        |                                  |        |  |  |
|         | <i>David K. Pearson &amp; Et. Al.</i> |                                  |        |  |  |
|         | <i>Andrew Pearson</i>                 | FOR                              |        |  |  |
|         | Enrollment in                         | <i>Cherokee</i>                  | Nation |  |  |
|         | Filed on the                          | day of                           | 189    |  |  |
|         |                                       | Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes |        |  |  |
|         | <i>J. O. Minter</i>                   | Attorney for Petitioner.         |        |  |  |
|         | CAPITAL PRINT, South McAlester.       |                                  |        |  |  |



**End**

Edward E. Pitchlynn

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Pitchlynn Edward E.  
Pitchlynn Grace M.  
Pitchlynn Paul P.  
Pitchlynn Ernest L.  
Pitchlynn Garland A.  
Pitchlynn <sup>Caroline</sup> ~~Garland~~ M.  
Pitchlynn Sophie C.  
Pitchlynn Lee  
" <sup>Caroline</sup> ~~Garland~~ M.

Mem.

In The Matter of the Petitions of Lee Pitchlynn, Grace M. Pitchlynn and Edward E. Pitchlynn, for enrollment as citizens of the Cheateau Nation.

Affidavit of Sophie C. Pitchlynn.

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Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of May.

Notary Public.



BEFORE THE HONORABLE COMMISSION OF THE FIVE  
CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS.

In the Matter of the Petitions )  
of Lee Pitchlynn, Grace M. Pitch- )  
lynn, and Edward Everett Pitchlynn, ) Nos.  
for enrollment as citizens of the )  
Choctaw Nation. )

SOPHIE C. PITCHLYNN, being duly sworn on her oath  
states as follows:

That she is thirty two years of age, and a daughter  
of the late Peter P. Pitchlynn. That the said Peter P.  
Pitchlynn died in the City of Washington, D. C, on the 17th  
day of January, 1881, leaving surviving him, a widow named  
Caroline M. Pitchlynn, and the following named children who  
were the issue of the marriage of the said Peter P. Pitchlynn  
and Caroline M. Pitchlynn, To-wit: Thomas Pitchlynn, Lee  
Pitchlynn, and this affiant.

That the said Thomas Pitchlynn, was married to  
Grace M. Dorsey, in the City of Washington, D. C, on or about  
the 12th day of January, 1881, and that five children were  
the issue of the marriage of the said Thomas Pitchlynn, and  
Grace M. Dorsey; and that four of said children who are  
named Paul P. Pitchlynn, aged about 15 years, Ernest L.  
Pitchlynn, aged 13 years, Garland A. Pitchlynn, aged 10 years,  
and Carlisle M. Pitchlynn, aged 3 years, who are now living  
with their mother in Washington, D. C. That the said Thomas  
Pitchlynn, died in the City of Washington, D. C. on the 20th

day of September, 1863, leaving surviving him his widow the said Grace M. Pitchlynn, and the four infant children above named.

That the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, the father of the affiant, and the said Thomas Pitchlynn and Lee Pitchlynn, was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, by virtue of his birth, and Indian blood; and he continued to be a citizen of the Choctaw Tribe, or Nation, at the time of his death. That the legal residence of the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, was at Eagle Town in the Choctaw Nation, and he kept and maintained his residence at that place until his death.

That said Peter P. Pitchlynn, was the Delegate and Representative of the Choctaw Nation at Washington, D. D. from the year 1853, until the outbreak of the Southern Rebellion in 1861, and after the suppression of said rebellion in 1865, until the date of his death, and that during all that time, he claimed and exercised the rights of a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

That Edward Evertt Pitchlynn, is a grand-son of the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, and a son of Peter P. Pitchlynn, Jr, who was a son of said Peter P. Pitchlynn, the father of your Petitioner, and that the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, Jr, is a half-brother of the affiant, and was born in the Choctaw Nation, in the Indian Territory, and that said Peter P. Pitchlynn, Jr, was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation by birth and blood.

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

Petition of Lee Pitchlynn,  
son of Peter P. Pitchlynn,  
deceased, for enrollment as  
a citizen of the Choctaw  
Nation. \_\_\_\_\_

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TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMISSION OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED  
TRIBES.

The Petition of Lee Pitchlynn now having his domicile in the City of Washington, and District of Columbia, respectfully represents and states, unto your Honorable Commission as follows:

1. That he is a son of the late Peter P. Pitchlynn deceased, and was born in the City of Washington and District of Columbia, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1866, while the said Peter P. Pitchlynn was temporarily residing in said City and District as the Delegate and representative of the Choctaw Nation at said City of Washington, and engaged in attending to the business of said Nation with the Government of the United States.

II. That the father of your Petitioner, the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, held numerous positions of honor and trust which were conferred upon him by the Choctaw Nation, and by the Choctaw National Council. He was appointed one of the Delegates, or Commissioners to represent the Choctaw Nation near the Government of the United States, under the authority of an Act of the Choctaw National Council, approved November 9, 1853. As a Commissioner of the Choctaw Nation, under said appointment, he conducted the negotiations for, and signed on behalf of the Choctaw Nation, the treaty concluded between the United States and said Nation, on the 22, day of June, 1855. He subsequently served his Nation as their Principal Chief or Governor; and, from the close of

the late rebellion until the date of his death in the month of January, 1881, he was the accredited Delegate, Agent and Commissioner, of the Choctaw Nation at Washington, D. C; and, at the date of his death he was engaged in attending to the business and interests of the Choctaw Nation, as they were then being urged and asserted by the Choctaw Nation against the United States.

III. That the father of your Petitioner, the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, was a citizen of the Choctaw Tribe or Nation of Indians, by virtue of his birth, and Indian blood, and that he the said Peter P. Pitchlynn at all times during his life-time, and until his death, continued to be a citizen of, and legally a resident of the Choctaw Nation and a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

IV. That the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, left surviving him a widow named Caroline M. Pitchlynn, who died on the 4th day of October, 1894, and three children known and named as follows, To-wit: Thomas Pitchlynn, Sophie C. Pitchlynn and Lee Pitchlynn who is your Petitioner.

V. That your Petitioner by virtue of the fact that his father the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, was a Choctaw citizen of Choctaw blood, became, and is, under the customs, usages, and laws of the Choctaw Nation of Indians, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and as such, entitled to all the rights and privileges of a member or citizen of the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians.

VI. That your Petitioner has not by any act done by him surrendered, forfeited or alienated his right of Choctaw citizenship, or any right he acquired as the son of the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, and, by birth a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, to be known, called, numbered and enrolled as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and to be declared by your Commission as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

VII. That the fact that the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, the father of your Petitioner, was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and by birth and blood a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, during his life-time and at the date of his death is shown and sufficiently proved by the public records and archives of the Choctaw Nation, now in the custody and possession of the National Secretary of said Nation, and to these, your Petitioner refers in connection with, and as a part of his Petition, and will rely upon said records to prove the Choctaw blood and citizenship of the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, on the hearing of this Petition, in connection with other evidence which may be submitted herewith.

VIII. That your Petitioner by reason of the facts herein stated and set forth, is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and is entitled to have the fact of his citizenship, and membership in said Tribe if the same shall be denied, ascertained and determined, by your Honorable Commission; and to have his

named enrolled as a citizenship of said Choctaw Nation, and by virtue thereof to be declared to be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Your Petitioner therefore prays, that it may please your Honorable Commission to make inquiry in regard to the facts herein stated and set forth, and to ascertain and determine, whether or not your Petitioner is entitled to be declared to be a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and entitled to be enrolled as such; and that having found and determined the facts herein stated and set forth in favor of your Petitioner, your Honorable Commission, shall cause the name of your Petitioner to be enrolled as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and entitled to have and enjoy whatever, and all rights and privileges, that may result therefrom. And as in duty bound your Petitioner will ever pray &c.

(Signed) Lee Pitchlynn

I, Lee Pitchlynn do solemnly swear that I have read the foregoing Petition by me signed, and know the contents thereof; that the matters and things therein stated of or upon my own knowledge are true; and as to those matters and things therein stated upon information and belief, I believe the same to be true.

(Signed) Lee Pitchlynn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1898.

Wm. H. Barrett

William H. Barrett

Notary Public.



No. \_\_\_\_\_

Petition of Sophie C. Pitch-  
lynn, daughter of Peter P.  
Pitchlynn, deceased, for en-  
rollment as a Cheater's Witi-  
Witi.

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TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

The Petition of Sophie C. Pitchlynn, now having her domicile in the City of Washington and District of Columbia, respectfully represents and states, unto your Honorable Commission as follows:

I. That she is a daughter of the late Peter P. Pitchlynn deceased, and was born at Eagle Town in the Choctaw Nation, in the Indian Territory, on the 24th day of January, 1834.

II. That the father of your Petitioner, the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, was a citizen of the Choctaw Tribe or Nation of Indians by virtue of his birth, and Indian blood, and that he the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, at all times during his life-time, and until his death continued to be a citizen of, and legally a member of the Choctaw Nation, and a Warrior of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

III. That the father of your Petitioner, the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, held numerous positions of honor and trust which were conferred upon him by the Choctaw People, and by the Choctaw National Council. He was appointed one of the Delegates or Commissioners to represent the Choctaw Nation near the government of the United States, under the authority of an Act of the Choctaw National Council, approved November 9th, 1853. As a Commissioner of the Choctaw Nation, under said appointment he conducted the negotiations for, and signed on behalf of the Choctaw Nation, the Treaty

concluded between the United States and said Nation, on the 22nd day of June, 1830. He subsequently served his Nation as their Principal Chief or Governor; and from the close of the late rebellion until the date of his death, in the month of January, 1861, he was the accredited Delegate, Agent and Commissioner of the Choctaw Nation at Washington, D. C; and at the date of his death, he was engaged in attending to the business and interests of the Choctaw Nation, as they were then being waged and asserted by the Choctaw Nation against the United States.

IV. That the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, left surviving him a widow named Caroline M. Pitchlynn, who died on the 4th day of October, 1894, and three children known and named as follows, To-wit: Thomas Pitchlynn, Sophie C. Pitchlynn and Lee Pitchlynn; and that Thomas Pitchlynn died on the 23th day of September, 1893, leaving a widow named Grace M. Pitchlynn, and the following infant children, To-wit: Paul Peter Pitchlynn <sup>aged</sup> 15 years; Ernest L. Pitchlynn aged 13 years; Garland A. Pitchlynn aged 10 years; and Carlisle W. Pitchlynn aged 3 years.

V. That your Petitioner by virtue of the fact that her father, the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, was a Choctaw citizen of Choctaw blood, became, and is, under the customs, laws and usages of the Choctaw Nation of Indians, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and a Member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and as such, entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Member or citizen of the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians.

VI. That your Petitioner has not by marriage, or otherwise done or act, by means whereof she has surrendered, or forfeited her right to Choctaw citizenship, or any right she acquired as the daughter of the said Peter P. Pitchlynn to be known, called and numbered as a Member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and to be declared and enrolled as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

VII. That your Petitioner by reason of the facts herein stated and set forth is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Indians, and is entitled to have the fact of her citizenship, if the same shall be denied, ascertained and determined, by your Honorable Commission; and to have her name enrolled as a citizen of said Choctaw Nation, and to be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

VIII. That the fact of the said Peter P. Pitchlynn having been a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and by blood a Member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians at the date of his death, is shown and sufficiently proved by the public records and archives of the Choctaw Nation, now in the custody and possession of the National Secretary of the said Nation, and to these, your Petitioner refers in connection with, and as a part of her Petition, and will rely upon said records to prove the Choctaw blood and citizenship of the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, on the hearing of this Petition.

Your Petitioner therefore prays, that it may please your Honorable Commission, to ascertain and determine the



, fact that your Petitioner is a citizen of the Choctaw Na-  
tion; and that she is entitled to be enrolled as such; and  
that having found and determined these facts in favor of  
your Petitioner, that your Honorable Commissioner shall cause  
the name of your Petitioner to be enrolled as a citizen of  
the Choctaw Nation, and entitled to have and enjoy whatever  
rights and privileges may result therefrom. And as in duty  
bound your Petitioner will ever pray &c.

*(Signed) Sophia C. Ritchlynn*

I, Sophia C. Ritchlynn, do solemnly swear, that I  
have read the foregoing Petition by me signed, and know the  
contents thereof; that the matters and things therein stated  
upon my own knowledge are true; and that as to those matters  
and things therein stated upon information and belief, I be-  
lieve them to be true.

*(Signed) Sophia C. Ritchlynn*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day  
of August 1886.

*(Seal)*

*(Signed) Robt. T. Hughes*

Notary Public.

No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Petition of Grace M. Pitch-  
lynn, widow of Thomas Pitch-  
lynn, deceased, for the en-  
rollment of herself, and  
children, To-wit; Paul P.  
Pitchlynn, Ernest L. Pitch-  
lynn, Garland A. Pitchlynn,  
& Carlisle M. Pitchlynn, as  
citizens of the Choctaw  
Nation.

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TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMISSION OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED  
TRIBES.

The Petition of Grace M. Pitchlynn, for herself,  
as the widow of Thomas Pitchlynn deceased, and as the natural  
Guardian of the infant children of said Thomas Pitchlynn, who  
are named, Paul P. Pitchlynn, Ernest L. Pitchlynn, Garland A.  
Pitchlynn, and Carlisle M. Pitchlynn,, for enrollment as  
citizens of the Choctaw Nation, respectfully represents and  
states unto your Honorable Commission as follows:

I. That your Petitioner Grace M. Pitchlynn, is  
the widow of Thomas Pitchlynn deceased, late a citizen of the  
Choctaw Nation; and that said Thomas Pitchlynn died in the  
City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on the 28th  
day of September, 1893.

II. That your Petitioner was married to the said  
Thomas Pitchlynn, in Washington, D. C, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of  
January, 1886, and that the name of  
your Petitioner, before said marriage was Grace M. Dorsey;  
and that the issue of the marriage of your Petitioner with  
the said Thomas Pitchlynn, were as follows;;To-wit: Paul  
Peter Pitchlynn, aged 15 years; Ernest L. Pitchlynn, aged 13  
years; Garland A. Pitchlynn, aged 10 years; Carrie Eugene  
Pitchlynn, now dead, and Carlisle M. Pitchlynn, aged 3 years.

III. That the said Thomas Pitchlynn, the husband  
of your Petitioner, was a son of the late Peter P. Pitchlynn,  
now deceased; and the said Peter P. Pitchlynn was a citizen  
of the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, by birth and

blood; and the husband of your Petitioner, the said Thomas Pitchlynn, was also a citizen of the Choctaw Nation by birth and blood.

IV. That the said Thomas Pitchlynn, at the date of his death was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and previous to the time when the said Thomas Pitchlynn arrived at the age of Twenty one years, he had his domicile with his father the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, sometimes in the Choctaw Nation, in the Indian Territory, and sometimes in the City of Washington; and that subsequent to the time the said Thomas Pitchlynn became of age he had his domicile as your Petitioner is informed and believes, sometimes in the Choctaw Nation, and sometimes in the City of Washington; and your Petitioner further states, upon her own knowledge, that the said Thomas Pitchlynn, the husband of your Petitioner, at all times, subsequent to the marriage with your Petitioner, claimed to be a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and to be a legal resident of said Nation; and that he, the said Thomas Pitchlynn, at the date of his death, had done no act, by means of which he the said Thomas Pitchlynn, surrendered, forfeited or alienated his right of Choctaw Citizenship, nor any right to which he was entitled as a son of the said Peter P. Pitchlynn.

V. Your Petitioner further states, that by reason of the facts herein stated and set forth she and her children herein above named, to-wit: Paul P. Pitchlynn, Ernest L. Pitchlynn, Garland A. Pitchlynn and Carlisle M. Pitchlynn, are citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and members of the Choctaw



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tribe of Indians; and that such right of citizenship is conferred under and by virtue of the customs, usages, and laws of the Choctaw Nation of Indians; and that your Petitioner and her said children as members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and as citizens of the Choctaw Nation are entitled to all the rights and privileges of citizens of the Choctaw Nation of Indians.

VI. That the fact that the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, the father of the said Thomas Pitchlynn, the husband of your Petitioner was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation and by birth and blood, a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, during his life-time, and at the date of his death, is shown and sufficiently proved, by the public records and archives of the Choctaw Nation now in the custody and possession of the National Secretary of said Nation; and upon information and belief of your Petitioner states that the fact that ~~xxxx~~ the husband of your Petitioner, the said Thomas Pitchlynn, was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and enrolled as such, is also shown by the said records and archives of the Choctaw Nation, and to these your Petitioner begs leave to refer on the hearing of this Petition, in connection with other evidence that may be submitted herein.

VII. That your Petitioner by reason of the facts herein stated and set forth, and her children above named, are citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and she, and they, are entitled

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to have the fact of her and their citizenship, and membership in said Tribe, if the same shall be denied, ascertained and determined by your Honorable Commission; and to have her name, and the names of her children as above stated, enrolled as citizens of the said Choctaw Nation, and by virtue thereof to be declared entitled to all the rights and privileges of citizens of the Choctaw Nation.

VIII. That your Petitioner makes and presents this Petition in behalf of herself as the widow of the said Thomas Pitchlynn deceased, and as the mother and natural Guardian of her children, Paul P. Pitchlynn, Ernest L. Pitchlynn, Garland A. Pitchlynn and Carlisle M. Pitchlynn.

Your Petitioner therefore prays, that it may please your Honorable Commission to make inquiry in regard to the facts herein stated and set forth, and to ascertain and determine, whether or not your Petitioner and her children above named, are entitled to be declared to be citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and entitled to be enrolled as such; and that having found and determined the facts herein stated and set forth in favor of your Petitioner, that your Honorable Commission, shall cause the name of your Petitioner, and of her children above named, to be enrolled as citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and entitled to have and enjoy whatever, and all rights and privileges that may result therefrom, And in duty bound your Petitioner will ever pray &c.

(Signed) Grace P. Pitchlynn

(Signed) Grace M. Ritchison.

L. Fred Kelley

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No. \_\_\_\_\_.

In the Matter of the Petitions of Sophie C. Pitchlynn, Lee Pitchlynn, Grace M. Pitchlynn for hersel, and the infant children of Thomas Pitchlynn deceased, and Edward Everett Pitchlynn for enrollment as citizens of the Choctaw Nation.

Affidavit of James S. Standley.

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BEFORE THE HONORABLE THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE  
CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS.

In the matter of the Petitions of )  
Sophie C. Pitchlynn, Lee Pitchlynn, )  
Grace M. Pitchlynn, for herself, )  
and the infant children of Thomas ) Nos.  
Pitchlynn deceased, and Edward )  
Everett Pitchlynn, for enrollment )  
as Citizens of the Choctaw Nation. )

James S. Standley, being duly sworn  
on his oath states: That he is fifty five years of age,  
and a resident at Atoka in the Choctaw Nation of the Indian  
Territory; that he is by profession and occupation a lawyer,  
and entitled to practice his profession in the Choctaw Nation.

Affiant further states, that he is a citizen of the  
Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, by birth, and blood, and  
has at all times since his birth been recognized as a citizen  
of said Nation.

Affiant further states, that he was well acquainted  
with the late Peter P. Pitchlynn deceased, formerly of the  
Choctaw Nation, and a resident at Eagle-Town in said Nation.  
That affiant was well acquainted with the said Peter P. Pitch-  
lynn for about eight years previous to his  
death, in the month of January, 1881. That the said Peter  
P. Pitchlynn, was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation by birth  
and blood, and was known, recognized and enrolled as such in

the Choctaw Nation, during the time this affiant was acquainted with him; and affiant further states, that during the entire time that your Petitioner was acquainted with the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, ~~he held numerous positions of honor and trust within the Government of the Choctaw Nation, and at the time of his death, he was one of the Delegates or Commissioners of the Choctaw Nation, representing the interests and rights which said Choctaw Nation was asserting against the Government of the United States at Washington, D. C.~~

Affiant further states, that the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, left surviving him his widow, Caroline M. Pitchlynn, and the following named children To-wit: Thomas Pitchlynn, (now dead), Sophie C. Pitchlynn, and Lee Pitchlynn, all of whom were and are known to this affiant; and that he also had a son by another wife, who was named Peter P. Pitchlynn Jr., the affiant did not know said Peter P. Pitchlynn, Jr., but he believes the name of said Peter P. Pitchlynn Jr., will be found enrolled on the records of the Choctaw Nation as a citizen of said Choctaw Nation, and a son of said Peter P. Pitchlynn; and that the said children of the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, are under the customs, usages, and laws of the Choctaw Nation, citizens of said Nation, and entitled to be enrolled as such if they have not already been enrolled as citizens of said Nation.

Affiant further states, that the said Thomas Pitchlynn, the son of said Peter P. Pitchlynn, during the time affiant was acquainted with him, sometimes lived in the Dis-

trict of Columbia, and sometimes in the Choctaw Nation.

Affiant further states, that he is informed and believes the said Thomas Pitchlynn, was married, and that when he died, he left a widow and children; but affiant is not able to state their names or their ages.

And further affiant saith not.

(Signed) A. J. Studdley.  
State of New Jersey, Essex  
Atlantic County  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this Twenty eighth day  
of August, 1896.

Geo. T. Ingraham  
United States Commissioner  
~~Notary Public.~~  
and Notary Public.

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Petition of Edward E. Fitch-  
lynn, Son of Peter P. Fitch-  
lynn, Jr, deceased, for en-  
rollment as a citizen of the  
Chester Nation.

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TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMISSION OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS.

The Petition of EDWARD EVERETT PITCHLYNN, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, in the Indian Territory, but now temporarily domiciled for medical treatment in the City of Hartford in the State of Connecticut, respectfully represents and states, unto your Honorable Commission as follows:

I. That your Petitioner is a son of Peter P. Pitchlynn Jr, late a citizen of the Choctaw Nation in the Indian Territory, and that your Petitioner was born at Eagle Town in the Choctaw Nation, on the 8th day of January, 1860; and that the father of your petitioner, was a son of Peter P. Pitchlynn, Sr, now deceased; and that the father of your petitioner, Peter P. Pitchlynn Jr, was, at the date of the birth of your petitioner, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and by birth and blood, a member of the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, and a resident within the territory occupied by said Choctaw Nation of Indians.

II. That your Petitioner continued to reside in the Choctaw Nation, with his father and mother until their death, when your Petitioner was taken into the home and family of his Grand Father Peter P. Pitchlynn Sr, and during the lifetime of his Grand Father, and until his death in the month of January, 1881, your Petitioner continued to reside at the home of his Grand Father as a member of his family, and after the death of his Grand Father, Peter P. Pitchlynn Sr, your Petitioner continued to live with the widow of said Peter P.

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Pitchlynn, <sup>of</sup> whose name was Caroline M. Pitchlynn; and your Petitioner continued to live at the house and home of said Caroline M. Pitchlynn, until the date of her death, which occurred on the 4th day of October, 1894.

III. That your Petitioner knows that the name of his Grand Father, the said Peter P. Pitchlynn Sr, was and is enrolled upon the rolls and records of the Choctaw Nation, now in possession of the National Secretary of said Nation, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation by birth and blood; and your Petitioner further states, upon information and belief, that the name of the father of your Petitioner, Peter P. Pitchlynn, Jr, is also enrolled upon the said records of the Choctaw Nation, and your Petitioner refers to said records in connection with and as a part of this Petition.

IV. That your Petitioner by virtue of the fact that his father the said Peter P. Pitchlynn, Jr, was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, by birth and blood, became and is, under the customs, usages and laws of the Choctaw Nation, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and a Member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and as such entitled to all the rights and privileges of a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Indians.

V. That your Petitioner has not by any act done or performed by him, surrendered, forfeited or alienated his right of Choctaw citizenship, or any right he has acquired as the son of Peter P. Pitchlynn, Jr, to be known, called and enrolled as a Member of the Choctaw Tribe of In-

dians, and to be numbered, recognized and enrolled as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

VI. That your Petitioner, by reason of the facts herein stated and set forth, is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation and is entitled to have the fact of his citizenship ascertained and determined, by your Honorable Commission; and to have his name enrolled as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Indians, and by reason of such enrollment declared, to be entitled to have and receive all the rights and privileges of a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Indians.

Your Petitioner therefore prays, that it may please your Honorable Commission, to make inquiry in regard to the facts herein stated and set forth, and to ascertain and determine, whether or not your Petitioner is entitled to be declared to be a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and entitled to be enrolled as such; and that having found and determined, the facts herein stated and set forth in favor of your Petitioner, your Honorable Commission shall cause the name of your Petitioner to be enrolled as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and entitled to have and enjoy whatever, and all rights and privileges that may result therefrom. And as in duty bound, your Petitioner will ever pray &c.

(Signed) Edward E. Pitchlynn

I, Edward Everett Pitchlynn, do solemnly swear that I have read the foregoing Petition by me signed, and know the contents thereof; that the matters and things therein stated,

of or upon my own knowledge are true; and that as to those  
matters and things therein stated upon information and belief,  
I believe the same to be true.

(Signed) Edward E. Ritchey.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day  
of August, 1898.

Seal

Thomas W. Manus.

Notary Public.

Specimen of the  
notarization as a citizen of the  
State of Oregon, for en-  
rollment of Peter B. Ritchey,  
son of Edward E. Ritchey,  
petition of Edward E. Ritchey.



**End**

Estelle Pizzetti

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Estelle Pizzetti

Application For Citizenship  
of Estelle Pizzetti  
To the Honorable Commission of the  
Choctaw Nation. Indian Territory  
Gentlemen the undersigned your peti-  
tioner this day makes this her appli-  
cation for citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation in the Indian Territory in ac-  
cordance with the Constitution and laws  
of said Nation and respectfully makes  
the following statement of the grounds  
of this her Application. To wit That peti-  
tioner is a half blood Choctaw Indian  
belonging to said tribe The undersigned  
hereby presents the above facts as the  
lawful grounds for this her Application  
For her citizenship by blood and res-  
pectfully waits the when her Application  
shall be truly heard and tried Res-  
pectfully Submitted

Estelle <sup>her</sup> <sub>mark</sub> Pizzetti

Age. 19. years. Post. Office Covington  
La

Family with their relationships attached  
as follow

Name Estelle Pizzetti Sex female age 19.

In witness of which application I  
hereunto set my hand on this the 11<sup>th</sup>  
day of August 1896. Estelle<sup>her</sup><sub>mark</sub> Pizzetti  
Subscribed and Sworn to before me  
this 11th day of August 1896.

H R Warren  
Clerk and Ex Officio Notary Public



The Notary Public for the State of New York.

John. West.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1896. and I  
further certify that I am well acquainted  
with the said John. West and know him  
to be a person of credibility and of truth  
and veracity. N R Warner

Notary Public for the State of New York.

I hereby certify the above foregoing to be a true correct  
copy of the original application for admission filed in  
the case of Estelle Pizzetti. N R Warner  
Aug 26 - 1896 Edw

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Application  
of  
Estelle Pizzetti

## Affidavit Of Witness

State of Louisiana

Parish of St Tammany

Before Me the undersigned Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Notary Public in and for the Parish and State aforesaid personally appeared Geo A. Chevalon who after being by me duly sworn states that he is 40 years of age and a citizen of the Parish of St Tammany and State of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with Estelle Pizzetti who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw I.T. and affiant further states that the said Estelle Pizzetti is the identical person represents herself to be in her application for citizenship in said nation and that said Estelle Pizzetti is a half blood Choctaw Indian that her mother is a full blood Indian by name and her father a frenchman. Affiant further states that he has known the said Estelle Pizzetti for the past 19 years and knows that she has been treated by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as a person having Choctaw Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Estelle Pizzetti is of Indian blood that from the above facts and circumstances

and from statements made to him by the said Estelle Pizzetti Affiant states that he has every reason to believe and does believe that the said Estelle Pizzetti is of Choctaw-Indian blood Affiant further states that he has interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Estelle Pizzetti to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation I.T.

Geo. A. Chevalon

Subscribed and Sworn to before me the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1896 and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Geo. A. Chevalon and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity, H R Warren  
Clerk & Ex Officio Notary Public

## Affidavit Of Witness

State of Louisiana

Parish of St Tammany

Before Me the undersigned clerk of Court and Ex Officio Notary Public in and for the Parish and State aforesaid personally appeared John. West Who after being by me duly sworn state that he is 41 years of age and a citizen of the Parish of St Tammany and State of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with Estelle Pigetti Who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation I. T. and affiant further states that the said Estelle Pigetti is the identical person. represents herself to be in her application for citizenship in said nation and that said Estelle Pigetti is a half blood Choctaw Indian that her mother is a full blood Indian Squaw and her father a frenchman Affiant further states that he has known the said Estelle Pigetti for the past 19 years and knows that she has been recognized and treated by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person. having Choctaw Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Estelle Pigetti is of Indian blood.



That from the above facts and circumstances and from statement made to him by the said Estelle Pizetti. Affiant states that he has every reason to believe and does believe that the said Estelle Pizetti is of Choctaw Indian blood. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Estelle Pizetti to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation I.T.

John. West.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1896. and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said John. West and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity. H R Warren

Clerk & Ex Officio Notary Public

I hereby certify the above foregoing to be a true & correct copy of the original application & affidavit filed in the case of Estelle Pizetti - H R Warren  
Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1896

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Application  
of  
Estelle Pizetti

**End**

Frank W. PLATO

#318

Court no 194

Frank W. PLATO

Plato, Frank W.,  
Plato, Melissa Parrie,  
Plato, Walty Lee,  
Plato, Hattie Ruth,  
Plato, Willie Ward,  
Plato, Pearl Myrtle,  
Plato, Arthur Herbert  
" *Elementine Parrie* ,



J.W. Platts

To whom it may concern:

This certifies that on the Eighteenth (18th) day of October A. D. 1881, I, the undersigned, did join together in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony Mr. Frank W. Plate and Miss Millissa Parrie Buckholts. Done at my residence in Pontotoc Co. Chickasaw Nation. Ind. Terr.

I. J. Reed,  
Minister of the Gospel.

Atoka, Ind. Jan. May 18th 1880.

To all whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

This is to certify that Mrs. F. H. Plate is  
the daughter of William Buckholt, who with his family was admitted to  
citizenship in this Nation Oct. 1872.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the day and date  
above written.

A. Telle,

Not. Secy.

G. W.

(seal)

Supreme Court of the Choctaw Nation, Sitting for the special purpose of Examining Witnesses in relation to those claiming to be Choctaws by descent as per act passed General Council at its called Session March 20th 1872, Organized and proceeds to business, when the following persons, to-wit- Wm. Backholts, R. T. Jones and John Hall, appearing and introduces as witnesses R. W. Jones, Fandy Walker and Mrs. Mary Gardner, whose evidence being heard the Court rendered the following opinion (to-wit)

In the Supreme Court.

Oct. Term 1872.

In the Matter of the Petition of

Wm. Backholts, R. T. Jones, John Hall.

Their petition asking for a citizenship to be granted to them by the Supreme Court as the law directs have taken the same under consideration and are of the opinion that from the evidence of the witnesses that they are descendants of the Choctaw People, therefore Citizenship is hereby granted them.

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| I. L. Garvin,   | C. Justice. |
| J. W. Everidge, | Associate.  |
| H. W. Folsom,   | " "         |

Attest:

Green W. Gardner,

Clerk.

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original now on file in my office, this the 2nd. day of April, A. D. 1888.

(seal)

T. D. Hibben,

Clerk Supreme Court, C. N.



Herbert  
Arthur Plato, born the 2nd day of May, 1892.

^ That the names of each of the above named children are or should be enrolled on the Chickasaw District Distributing Book of the Choctaw Nation. That each of them have drawn annuities as other Choctaws of the full blood, and that they are now entitled to all the rights and privileges and annuities of Choctaws of the full blood.

has one child  
That your petitioner which was born to them and is now a living descendant of your petitioner and his said wife aforesaid. That said child is not enrolled, and has never drawn any of the annuities for the reason that it was born since annuities were last distributed. That the name and age of said child is as follows: <sup>Parrie</sup> Clementine Plato, born June, 10th 1894. That said child is entitled to all the rights, privileges and annuities accorded to his other five children, and to the Choctaw Indians by blood.

Your petitioner further states that by virtue of his marriage to the said Melissa Parrie Buckholts, the daughter of William Buckholts a Choctaw Indian by blood, and that under the laws and customs of the said Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States and the treaties with the Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be enrolled as a citizen and member of said Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and entitled to all the rights, privileges and annuities of other Choctaw Indians by blood, and that his six children aforesaid are entitled to be enrolled as citizens and members of said Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and entitled to all the rights, privileges and annuities of other Choctaw Indians by blood.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that upon hearing this application, that your petitioner and his said descendants to wit: Watty Hattie Willie Pearl Herbert  
Lee Plato, Ruth Plato, Ward Plato, Myrtle Plato, Arthur Plato and Clementine Plato be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other Choctaw Indians, in and to the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, in the Indian Territory, and your petitioner will ever pray.

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the

Southern District of the Indian Territory F. W. Plate personally well known to me as the petitioner herein and states on oath that the foregoing petition has been read to him and that the matters and statements set forth therein are true.

Frank W. Plate

Subscribed and sworn to be before me this 20 day of August 1896.

P. E. R. L. L.

Notary Public.

United States of America,  
Southern District,  
Indian Territory.

To the Honorable Henry M. Dawes, Chairman of  
the Dawes Commission to the Five Civilized  
Tribes, at Vinita, Indian Territory.

In Re Application of F. W. Plato  
for Enrollment as a member of the Choctaw  
Tribe of Indians.

Now comes your petitioner and for grounds upon  
which he claims right to citizenship in the Choctaw Tribe of Indians,  
most respectfully represents that on the 18th day of October, 1881, your  
petitioner was legally and lawfully married to Melissa Parrie Buckholts,  
who was then a resident of the Choctaw Nation, and a member of the Choctaw  
Tribe of Indians by blood. A certified copy of marriage certificate  
is hereto attached and made a part of this petition, marked "Exhibit A".

Your petitioner further states that since his aforesaid marriage,  
he has been entitled to all the rights, privileges and annuities of a  
Choctaw by blood, and that he has been recognized as such Choctaw by  
being permitted to vote and exercise the elective franchise, and has  
held a commission as special sheriff under the sheriff of Atoka County  
Choctaw Nation, and has exercised all the privileges accorded the Choctaw  
Indian by blood.

That your petitioner has five children, which were born to them  
and are now living, legal descendants of your petitioner and his said  
wife Melissa Parrie (Buckholts) Plato. That the names of said children  
are  
~~are~~ as follows, to wit:-

|                    |          |                 |              |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------|
| Watty Lee Plato,   | born the | 6th day of July | 1882.        |
| Hattie Ruth Plato  | " "      | 2nd " "         | August 1884. |
| Willie Ward Plato  | " "      | 5th " "         | Sep. 1886.   |
| Pearl Myrtle Plato | " "      | 13th " "        | March, 1888. |

**End**



Benjamin F. Plato

#1442

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Benjamin

F. Plato

Platt, Benjamin F.,  
Platt, Elisabeth  
Platt, Jesse Green,

The Commission has  
been called to order  
at the call for enrollment  
of the Choctaw Tribe

Commissioner Benjamin B.  
Hulbert represents to  
the Commission the  
fact that the  
members of the Choctaw Nation  
are entitled to the Indian  
Bureau and the same side  
of the Choctaw Nation  
entitled to be placed  
in the same place as  
the Choctaw Nation, and  
the Choctaw Nation  
is entitled to the following  
rights:

1. The Choctaw Nation is a  
perfect and perfect  
tribe of Indians, and  
entitled to the same  
rights as the Choctaw Nation  
in the same way.

2. The Choctaw Nation was on the 9<sup>th</sup>  
month of 1895 a citizen  
of the United States, and a white  
man, and resident of the Choctaw -

John, and was on the date legally  
married to Miss Ellis, a  
member of the Council of the Western  
Tribe of Indians, a copy of  
marriage license and the certificate  
of marriage, is hereto attached  
and made a part hereof.

3d The sister of said marriage now  
known as becomes a member of  
the said tribe of Indians and  
has been living with her  
by the other name here of the said  
tribe, and he was never before  
known been bonded by said tribe.

Whereupon I did certify  
to the effect of the testimony of the  
said brother of his sister in the  
State of Texas and ask that in  
name be placed upon the roll  
of members of the  
Tribe of Indians, and his wife  
Mrs. Elizabeth Platt and child  
Joseph Green Platt.

R. J. Platt

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 1st day of January 1881

Notary Public for Texas



Copy  
of  
Testimony  
G. J. Platt's  
Application

The Applicant is a resident  
of the Indian Nation, living  
near Pima. Indian Nation  
land, he, and is by profession a  
farmer. Mary Ann Jordan  
is named and known to be  
in the Indian Nation. 576

G. J. Platt  
Notary Public



Ever since the applicant married  
said Elizabeth Platt his right has been  
been disputed.

Mrs Elizabeth Platt was before her  
marriage the applicant's mother  
of the Thomas Leake being the  
daughter of Thomas Leake & wife,  
Thomas Ellis & wife,

The applicant is a resident  
of the Town of New York, State  
of New York, and is by profession a  
Teacher.

Mary Anne Forsyth  
in this the above named

+ C. Blue wood

Notary

copy of  
the  
Platt's  
application

Coppy of license  
between  
Frank Platt & Elizabeth  
Cobb

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State of Texas, County of Tarrant,  
 I, J. L. Dickson, a Justice of the Peace,  
 do hereby license and ordain that  
 the Jewish Rabbi, of the  
 District or community, of the  
 place of the place in + for same  
 setting,  
 shall be able to perform the  
 solemnizing of the marriage  
 of Isaac [unclear] and  
 Miss Elizabeth [unclear] to be  
 solemnized at the [unclear] of the County  
 of said County, within [unclear]  
 thereafter, certifying your  
 under this license.

Witness my hand and seal of office in [unclear]  
 this 7th day of July, 1895.  
 J. L. Dickson  
 Justice of the Peace  
 County of Tarrant, Texas

I, J. L. Dickson hereby certify that on  
 the 7th day of July A.D. 1895, in the  
 marriage of Isaac Platt and Elizabeth  
 Ellis parties have named,  
 Witness my hand this 7th day of July  
 A.D. 1895, J. L. Dickson  
 Justice of the Peace

Returned and filed for record  
The 9 day of July 1885  
W.B. Kavanaugh Clk  
W.R. Blair Secy

Copy of license  
Veteran  
Grant Olat & Elizabeth  
Collins

A True Copy

That the Commission for the  
Civilized Tribes  
has appointed Mr. J. H. Hall for enrollment  
as a member of the Choctaw Nation  
of Indians.

And that Benjamin  
F. Platt respectfully represents  
to this Commission, that he is  
a recognized member  
of the Choctaw Nation, a tribe  
of Indians, within Indian Territory  
and is a bona fide head of  
the "Choctaw" and is  
entitled to be put upon the  
roll prepared by this  
Honorable Commission as a  
member of said Choctaw Nation  
or tribe, for the following reasons  
to wit:

- 1<sup>st</sup> There is no correct and perfect  
roll of members of the Choctaw  
tribe of Indians, and no law  
or authority for the Choctaw  
Nation to make such roll;
- 2<sup>d</sup> Your Applicant was on the  
9<sup>th</sup> of July 1875 a citizen of the  
United States and a white man  
and resident of the Choctaw Nation

Copy of  
B. F. Platt's  
Application

and was a valid and legally  
married to Elizabeth  
a member by blood of the  
tribe of Seneca, a copy of the  
marriage license and the certificate  
of marriage is hereto attached  
and made a part hereof.

of the tribe of said Seneca  
and of the said tribe of Seneca  
and has ever since  
been so considered by the other  
members of the said tribe  
and the members have  
been so considered as to be

with the tribe of Seneca  
and as additional  
proof of the membership of his  
wife Elizabeth, the certificate  
and is that his name be  
placed upon the roll as a  
member of the tribe of Seneca  
with his wife Elizabeth  
and under the name of  
B. F. Hall.

and sworn to before me  
this 2nd day of July 1896.

(H. C. Blackwood)  
(Notary Public)

A. C. Blackwood  
Notary Public



Alum Paper

Before the ... for the  
line ... tribes.

In the matter of application of  
George W. & Philip Applicant & for  
several reasons named above  
the said petition is granted.

On this the 4<sup>th</sup> day we left  
personally appeared before a  
unassigned authority was Mary  
- Father who having been  
first duly sworn according  
to the Statute under oath  
of office to wit:

I am a son of a ... and a ...  
of ... of the Choctaw  
... and am acquainted  
with the applicant Benjamin F.  
... and have known him  
... I know his wife  
Elizabeth ... and I know  
her for about three years, I knew  
her ... I knew  
for 15 years and her children  
Refina Thomas, Refina ...  
for 6 years, and George ... her  
son for 11 years, and know her  
father ... other to be dead, who were  
of the Indian blood of the Choctaw.

Tribe. Ever since the applicant  
married his right has never been  
disputed.

At Elizabeth, Utah was before her  
Marriage. To the applicant, a member  
of the Choctaw Tribe, being the  
daughter of aforesaid deceased Irene  
Thomas Ellis & Co.

The applicant is now a resident  
of the Choctaw Nation near  
Keweenaw, Choctaw Nation & near  
Scraper and is by profession a  
farmer.

Mary Ann Harrison

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 4th day of Sep 1 1896,

A. C. Blackwood  
Notary Public.

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Copy of  
Discourse  
by Rev. Dr. Platteau  
& Elizabeth Elders

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State of Texas Law in county  
To any person or persons  
in violation of the laws, Jewish Rabbi  
Judge of the District Court, County  
or any justice of the peace, and  
for same having been you  
are hereby authorized to solemnize  
the rites of marriage between  
Mr. Frank Platt and Miss  
Elizabeth Platt, and make  
due return to the County  
Court of said County within  
sixty days thereafter certified by  
your return in case of absence  
Notary's official seal and  
and Seal of Office of Notary  
This 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1895

W. B. Kavanaugh  
Clerk of the County Court  
Lamar County Texas  
By V. R. in behalf

I, J. D. Dickson, do hereby certify that  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1895 united  
in marriage Frank Platt & Elizabeth  
Platt parties whose names,

Witness my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of  
July A. D. 1895 J. D. Dickson  
Justice of the peace



Returned and filed for Record  
the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1875.  
W. B. Hawaiian Arch<sup>l</sup>  
By J. H. Smith, Secy.

Copy of  
Vice-roy's  
to H. B. Hawaiian  
& Oligarchic

**End**

Eliza Pleasant

Eliza Pleasant

Pleasant Eliza  
Pleasant Della  
Pleasant Ada  
Pleasant Monroe



NO.

Before the Honorable Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes in the Indian Territory.

Eliza Pleasant, and Delia, Ada  
and Monroe Pleasant, her children,  
Applicants,

VERSUS

The Choctaw Indian Tribe or Nation.

Application.

Before the Honorable Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes in the  
Indian Territory.

Eliza Pleasant, and Delia, Ada and Monroe  
Pleasant, her children,

vs. \_\_\_\_\_ against

Application.

The Choctaw Indian Tribe or Nation, in the  
Indian Territory.

To the Honorable Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes:

Comes now Eliza Pleasant for herself, and as guardian of her minor  
children Delia, Ada and Monroe Pleasant, and on oath, states:

FIRST.

That she the said Eliza Pleasant, and her said minor children Delia,  
Ada and Monroe Pleasant are citizens of the Choctaw Indian Tribe or  
Nation of Indians in the Indian Territory; that the father of the said  
Eliza Pleasant, whose maiden name was Eliza McGhee, was one Sol McGhee,  
a Choctaw Indian by blood, who was a recognized citizen of the Choctaw  
Indian Tribe or Nation, and who lived and was a resident of Jack Fork  
County, Choctaw Nation and Indian Territory. That her mother was Handy  
McGhee, and was a Choctaw slave, and was owned before the war by the  
McGhee family of Choctaw Indians, in Jack Fork County in said Nation;  
that her mother, the said Handy McGhee was residing in the Choctaw Na-  
tion at the time of the proclamation of the treaty of Fort Smith, made  
and entered into by and between the United States and the Choctaw  
Nation; that her mother lived in the Choctaw Nation for many years be-  
fore the war as the slave of the said McGhee family; remained in the  
Choctaw Nation during the war, and for about twenty years thereafter,  
when she went to the Cherokee Nation temporarily and died there.

SECOND.

That your applicant Eliza Pleasant' maiden name was McGhee; that she is  
married and has three children, whose names and ages are as follows, to  
wit: Delia Pleasant, aged 9 years; Ada Pleasant, aged 8 years and Monroe

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Pleasant, aged 7 years.

THIRD.

That your petitioner Eliza Pleasant, whose maiden name was Eliza Mc  
Pleasant, was born in Jack Fork County, Choctaw Nation; and is a citizen by  
blood of the Choctaw Nation by virtue of the fact that her father was  
a Choctaw Indian by blood, and that her mother was a Choctaw Freedwo-  
man, and that she and her children, are, by reason of being the descend-  
ants of the said Sol McKee and Mandy McKee, entitled to be enrolled  
as citizens of the Choctaw Nation in the Indian Territory.

FOURTH.

That your petitioners are not enrolled by the constituted authorities  
of the Choctaw Nation as citizens thereof, and your petitioners pray  
that their application be considered by this Honorable Commission  
in accordance with the provisions of the act of the Congress of the  
United States, approved by the President on June 10th 1896, and that  
they be enrolled by this Honorable Commission as Citizens of the  
Choctaw Indian Tribe or Nation in the Indian Territory.

Witness my hand and seal.

Witness to mark:  
Thomas A. Sanson Jr.  
United States of America,

Indian Territory,

Northern District.

*her*  
Eliza x Pleasant  
mark  
Applicant.

Eliza Pleasant, being duly sworn upon oath, states, that she is  
one of the petitioners named in the foregoing petition, and the mother  
of the other petitioners; that she has heard the foregoing petition  
read and knows the contents thereof, and that the matters and things  
therein stated are true, so help her God. *her*

Witness to mark:  
Thomas A. Sanson Jr. *her*  
Eliza x Pleasant  
mark  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th day of September 1896.

Thomas A. Sanson Jr.  
Notary Public within and for  
the Northern District of the  
Indian Territory.

Before the Honorable Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Eliza Pleasant, and Delia, Ada and Monroe

Plaintiffs, vs. Defendants,

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Against

The Choctaw Indian Tribe or Nation of Indians

Indian Territory.

United States of America,

Indian Territory,

Eastern District.

#Affidavit of Henry Chalk

HENRY CHALK, being duly sworn upon his oath, that the evidence he should give in this cause, should be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, testified as follows, to wit:

I am Henry Chalk, I am a citizen of the Choctaw Nation in Indian Territory; I am about 40 years of age and was born near Jarkesville in the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory; I know the applicants in this case: Eliza Pleasant and her children Delia, Ada and Monroe; have known Eliza Pleasant ever since she was a child; I knew her mother well; her mother was Mandy McGhee, and she was a colored woman; I have always understood that her father was Sol McGhee, a Choctaw Indian; I knew her mother before the war, during the war and after the war, her mother Mandy McGhee was a slave before the war and was owned and lived with the McGhee family of Choctaw Indians in Jack Fork County in the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory; her mother was freed by the Emancipation Proclamation and lived in Jack Fork County in the Choctaw Nation at the time of the treaty of Fort Smith; her mother Mandy McGhee did not leave the Choctaw Nation during the war, and lived in the Choctaw Nation for an number of years after the war, and was there when the treaty of 1866 between the United States and Choctaw Nation was proclaimed. The applicant Eliza Pleasant has three children living; Delia, Ada and Monroe, all minor children. I was well acquainted with the McGhee family of Choctaw Indians who lived in Jack Fork County in the Choctaw Nation; I dont know which of the McGhee family owned Mandy Mc



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She, but she lived with Eliza, Nancy, Arch and Cornelius McGhee, and they  
lived together. Eliza Pleasant, and her children Delia, Ada and Monroe,  
of my own knowledge, are citizens of the Choctaw Nation by virtue of  
their being descendants of a Choctaw Indian, and by virtue of their  
mother, Mrs. William McGhee, being a Choctaw slave before the  
war and residing in the Choctaw Nation at the time of the treaty of  
Hartsville.

Witness to my hand:

Thomas A. Janson, Jr.

<sup>his</sup>  
Henry X Chalk  
<sub>mark</sub>

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th day of September 1906.

Thomas A. Janson, Jr.  
Notary Public within and for the North-  
ern District of the Indian Territory.

Before the Honorable Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Eliza Pleasant and her children,

No. \_\_\_\_\_ against

The Choctaw Indian Tribe or Nation in  
the Indian Territory.

United States of America,

Indian Territory.

Northern District.

Affidavit of Lurenar Carothers.

LURENAR CAROTHERS being duly sworn upon oath, states, that her age is 21 years; that she was born in Skellyville County in the Choctaw Nation; that she is acquainted with the applicant Eliza Pleasant and her children, Della, Ada and Robert; that she was well acquainted with the latter family of Choctaw Indians who live in Jackson County in Choctaw Nation; that she well recollects that the brother of this applicant, Ward, married her mother; that before the war, she knew the applicant in the Choctaw Nation, but did not know her mother or father.

Lurenar Carothers

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th day of August 1886.

Thomas A. Danson Jr.  
Notary Public within and for the  
Northern District of the Indian  
Territory.

**End**

Mary Ann Plunkett  
#1167

Mary Ann Plunkett



State of Mississippi)  
Leake County }

Personally appeared before  
me, M. L. Gilbert an acting Justice of the Peace  
in and for said County and State, J. E. Durmas &  
W. A. Durmas well known to me to be reputable  
Witnesses, who being by me first duly sworn  
deposeth and say that they have known  
Mrs Mary Ann Plunkett (nee Leflore)  
for years, and knew her father Charles Leflore  
well and know her to be the person she represents  
herself to be and believe the facts set forth in  
her application for Citizenship in the  
Choctaw Nation to be true and her claims  
just applicants

~~Applicants~~ Further state that they have always  
regarded her as having Indian blood in her  
veins; Affiants further state that they are not  
related to Mrs Mary Ann Plunkett by blood or  
marriage and are not interested in the present  
row of her claims for Citizenship in said  
Choctaw Nation

Witnesses

W. A. Durmas

I have known her 25 years  
& led to believe that she has  
Indian blood in her veins  
H. A. Beard Tax Assessor

I J. E. Durmas testify all the above except as what relates  
to the Indian blood  
as to my own knowledge  
Sworn to and Subscribed before me  
Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1846 J. E. Gilbert, J. P.

Claves of  
Mrs Mary Ann Plunkett

Before The Commission to the Five Civilized  
Tribes

In the matter of the claim of Mrs Mary Ann  
Plunkett, nee Leflore) for enrollment  
on the citizenship roll to be prepared by the  
Commission for the Choctaw Nation

The Applicant Mrs Mary Ann Plunkett-  
would state her claim for citizenship and  
enrollment and that her age is 65 years  
and her post office is. Beach- Scott County  
Miss:

The applicant would further state for her claim  
that she is a Choctaw Indian by blood she  
being the daughter of Chas Leflore

The applicant would ask the Commission  
to confer citizenship into to her on the grounds  
that she is a Choctaw Indian by blood and  
to enroll her on the roll to be prepared by the  
Commission for the Choctaw Nation

I swear to and subscribed before me.

This September 2nd 1896

M. E. Gilbert Jr. (Mary Ann Plunkett)

State of Mississippi, De Kalb County.

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of De Kalb in said State (said Court being a Court of record, and having an official seal), do hereby certify that M. S. Gilbert, whose genuine signature appears to the annexed and foregoing certificate of Exhibits, is now, and was at the date of said certificate, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, duly elected and qualified according to law; that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his said certificate is in due form of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my signature, and affix the seal of said Court, at Southgate, Miss., this the 5 day of Sept, A.D. 1896.

J. S. Smith, Clerk.  
By \_\_\_\_\_, D. C.



**End**

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Gm. Per 3/

Chickasaw Nation

his Chickasaw wife  
M<sup>rs</sup> A. B. (Sally) Hennings  
no of cor 38

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT, IN THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT ANDOVER.  
.....

G. M. Por

NO. 3. ...

CHICKASAW NATION.

ISSUE NOTICE OF APPEAL.

To H. J. Harris, Governor of the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians,.

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff in this cause has filed with the clerk of the United States Court for the Southern District of the Indian Territory at Andover in said Territory, an application for appeal in the above case, from the decision of the tribal authorities authorized to pass upon citizenship; and revise the rolls of the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians on the ... 9. .... day of ... 1896, together with the application for evidence and presented to said Tribal authorities.

M. J. Phillips CLERK.



**End**

Hardy Polk

Hardy Polk

U. S. A.  
Cheektaw Station  
Indian Territory  
Dawson Commission

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In Re  
Hurdy Palk and  
Josephine Hammond  
(Separately)  
Affidavit of  
Bettil Randal

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Akansas  
Sevier County

In Re  
Application of Hardy Palk  
for citizenship in the  
Chock'taw Nation, S. P.

Personally comes before  
me Bettie Randal who  
on oath says-

That she is the legitimate  
daughter of Johnson Mia  
shotulhe, that said Johnson  
Mia shotulhe was a full blood  
Chock'taw Indian. That Hardy  
Palk, <sup>and Josephine</sup> <sup>Harmon</sup> <sup>and daughter</sup> are the <sup>sons</sup> <sup>and daughter</sup> of affi-  
ant Bettie Randal. <sup>That is</sup>  
about fifty six years <sup>she is 29</sup>  
That said Hardy Palk, <sup>and Josephine</sup> <sup>Harmon</sup> <sup>and daughter</sup> are

a quarter blood Chock'taw  
Indian, deriving said blood  
through me from Johnson  
Mia shotulhe, their grand father.  
Bettie Randal

Sworn to & Subscribed before me  
4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1896.

Jamot Smith NP

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Expre Jan 21-1900



U.S.A.  
Choctaw Nation  
Indian Territory

Daniel Commission

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In Re

Hardy Polk

Application for  
Citizenship

cop. for Jefferson Anderson

United States of America,  
Choctaw Nation  
Indian Territory  
In Re

Application of Hardy Palk  
for Citizenship in the  
Choctaw Nation Indian  
Territory.

To the honorable,  
Henry L. Dawes,  
Frank C. Armstrong,  
As. McKeen,  
J. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery,  
Commissioners.

Hardy Palk, a citizen of  
Drew County, Arkansas,  
hereby makes application for  
citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation Indian Territory, and  
to support said application  
he states as follows:-

1st  
That he is a citizen of the  
United States of the age of  
years.

2nd  
That he is the son of Bettie  
Randal, who is a half blood  
Choctaw, she being the

legitimate daughter of  
Johnson. Miashtubbe a full  
blood Choctaw Indian.

3<sup>rd</sup> That the applicant Hardy  
Pilk is a quarter blood  
Choctaw

4<sup>th</sup> That his mother Bettie  
Randal through whom he  
claims citizenship is now  
living a Chapel Hill, Ark.

5<sup>th</sup> That his Post Office is  
Chapel Hill, Ark.

wherefore she prays that  
her application for citizenship  
in the Choctaw nation  
may be granted and her  
name placed on the  
roll of ~~Citizens~~ of  
said nation

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1896 J. Hardy Pilk.

Personally comes before  
me ~~Josephine Pilk~~ Hardy Pilk  
who on oath ~~says~~ says that  
the statements contained  
in the foregoing affidavit  
are true. J. Hardy Pilk.

Sworn to & subscribed before  
me 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1896

James A. Smith NP

My Comm

Expires Jan 21 - 1900



**End**

Elzy R. Poole

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Elzy R. Poole

Poole Elzy R.  
Poole Georgiann  
Poole Mary L.  
Poole Charles W.  
Poole Thos.P.  
Poole Montie R.  
Poole Edward S.  
Poole Murtie M.  
Poole Elzy R.Jr. ?

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner will ever pray, etc.

The aforementioned petitioner,

*Elzy R. Poole*

says that the statements

set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

*Elzy R. Poole*  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

17 day of

August 1896.

*W. H. McLaughlin*  
Notary Public.

No.

APPLICATION OF

*Elzy R. Poole* Et. Al.,

Enrollment in *Choctaw* Nation

Filed on the day of 189.

*J. P. Miller*  
Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.  
Attorney for Petitioner.

CAPITAL PRINT, South McAlester.



## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

Before the United States Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians:

Elzy R. Poole vs. *C. J. Redman*  
 Et. Al. PETITIONER, VS. RESPONDENT.  
 APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.  
 Nation, Indian Territory,

TO THE ABOVE NAMED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner Eliza R. Poole states that she is a white woman having intermarriage  
was an Indian by blood Indian by blood, was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
the old Choctaw Nation now Mississippi and enjoyed all the rights, privileges,  
 benefits and immunities of other Choctaw Indians by blood in the said Choctaw  
 Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said John Chonister appears  
 or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said Choctaw Indians for the year 18  
 That the petition is a lineal descendant of the said John Chonister to-wit

That under the constitution,  
laws, usages and customs of the said Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United  
States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member  
of said Choctaw Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits,  
privileges and immunities of other Choctaw Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner 41512 persons, as follows, to-wit:

[illegible]

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that \_\_\_\_\_ years of age \_\_\_\_\_ name, with those of \_\_\_\_\_

part of the late John Dickinson who.

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### CONFIDENTIAL: United States Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians:

Before the United States Commission to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

Et. Al.

PETITIONER.

**vs.**

Indian Territory.

RESPONDENT.

### APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

THE ABOVE NAMED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

TO THE ABOVE NAMED HONORABLE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
Your petitioner Robert A. Goble states that he is a white man having intermar-  
ried with a colored individual by blood with George Cross  
Shoal of Choctaw Nation in Mississippi and enjoyed all the rights, privileges,  
Choctaw Indians by blood in the said Choctaw appears  
benefits and immunities of other Indian Indians for the year 18-  
to-wit  
That the petition is a lineal descendant of the said John Crosses

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That under the constitution,

[illegible]

...petitioner as follows, to-wit:

[illegible]

the premises considered, your petitioner prays that ..... name, with those of

of the late John Dickinson.

and E. R. Poole be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges and  
immunities of other Choctaw Indians, in and to the Choctaw Nation or  
Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

And in support of said claim herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence namely:

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner will ever pray, etc.

*Chas. R. R. Co.*  
Attorneys for petitioners.

The aforesaid petitioner, Elzy R. Rott says that the statements set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

17 day of August 1896. Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 17 day of August, 1896.

y of August 28 1896.  
M. W. Winters  
 Notary Public.

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APPLICATION OF  
*Eugene R. Poole* Et. Al.,

—FOR—  
*Wholesale* Nation

Enrollment in

day of

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Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

*D.P.*

Attorney for Petitioner.

CAPITAL PRINT, South McAlester.



## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Elzy R. Poolo,  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Choctaw NATION,  
STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ } SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That no is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, and a resident of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and County of \_\_\_\_\_ and postoffice address is: Coal-Gate, W. Va. At no that is personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_ who is an applicant for Citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_

Nation. Amount further states:

There are not all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.

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Affiant further states: That he has known the said George Ann. Delaney for the past years and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said George Ann. Delaney indicate that she is of Indian blood and descent.

Alfieri further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said George Sam Poole he believes the said George Sam Poole was believed to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said Samer American family. Chravister

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of August 1896  
M. W. Whitingham  
 Notary Public.

My Commission expires.....



**End**

George Ann Poole  
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George Ann Poole

Poole, George Ann  
Poole, Elsy R.,  
Poole, Mary L.,  
Poole, Charles W.,  
Poole, Thomas F.,  
Poole, Edward S.,  
Poole, Annie Myrtle,  
Poole, Moutie R.,  
Poole, Elsy A.,

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK T. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:-

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of ..... and ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

My Name is George Ann Poole. I am 33 yrs. of age. My P.O. Address is Coalgate, Atoka County, Choctaw Nation. I am an admixture of White and Choctaw and I am 1/8 Choctaw blood. That I derive my Choctaw Indian blood from my mother the late Sarah Dillard who was the wife of Edward S. Dillard, a white man, and her maiden name was Chronister and she was the daughter of the late John Chronister. That the said Sarah Dillard was an admixture of White and Choctaw blood, and at least 1/4 Choctaw blood. That she was born in Mississippi about the year of 1846, and she died in Atoka County Choctaw Nation in 1893. That her father the late John Chronister was born about the year of 1790, was born in Mississippi and die in the State of Texas in 1851. He was of Choctaw blood, and applicant further says that she was born in Grayson County Texas in 1863, and that she inter-married with Elzy R. Poole in 1875 and by such marriage the following children here below named were born and are now living and who are admixtures of White and Choctaw blood, and are at least 1/16 Choctaw blood. Petitioner further says that the said John Chronister was a citizen of the old Choctaw Nation, and a member of the Choctaw Indian tribe.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

Affidavit of Myself. Affidavit of John M. Sanders.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted,

George Ann Poole  
Applicant.

|    | NAMES.             | AGES.       | RELATIONSHIP.             |
|----|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
|    | George Ann Poole   | Wife 33     | Choctaw by blood          |
|    | Elzy R. Poole      | Husband 37  | White Man, Coalgate, T.S. |
| 1. | Mary S. Poole      | Daughter 15 | Choctaw by blood          |
| 2. | Charles W. Poole   | Son 12      | " "                       |
| 3. | Thomas S. Poole    | " 10        | " "                       |
| 4. | Edward S. Poole    | " 8         | " "                       |
| 5. | Annie Myrtle Poole | Daug 5      | " "                       |
| 6. | Montie R. Poole    | " 4         | " "                       |
| 7. | Elzy A. Poole      | Son 1       | " "                       |

Indian Territory.

Coalgate, District.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the ..... and aforesaid ..... who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 12 day of Aug. 1896.

My commission expires on the 2 day of Nov. 1899

Notary Public.



# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF George Ann Poole  
 FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Choctaw NATION,  
 STATE OF Choctaw Nation  
 COUNTY OF Doduckey } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas York who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 74 years of age, and a resident of the State of Choctaw Nation and County of Tobolchy and his postoffice address is Stanton, D. T. that he is personally acquainted with John Chronister who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he is a full blood Choctaw Indian and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and a member of the Choctaw Indian tribe and that he was born in Leake County, Miss. in 1837 and that he was personally acquainted with John Chronister, who formerly resided in Leake County, Miss. and that he became acquainted with said John Chronister about 1885 and knew him personally up until he moved away from Miss. which was about 1895 or thereabouts.

And affiant further says that the said John Chronister was a Choctaw Indian and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation and a member of the Choctaw Indian tribe.

Affiant does not remember the above facts, but at the time he said so, he was a resident of the Choctaw Nation, and at the time he was a resident of the Choctaw Nation, he was a resident of the Choctaw Nation.

Affiant further says that said John Chronister had a family who were full blood Choctaw Indian but he was not acquainted with the members of said family.

Affiant further says that he has no interest in the result of the case whatever.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said John Chronister from about 1835 up and until about 1848 and until he moved west, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said John Chronister indicate that he was Choctaw Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said John Chronister he believes the said George Ann Poole to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said John Chronister.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of August 1896  
Thomas York  
Notary Public

My Commission expires.....

# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of George Ann Poole  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

STATE OF Indian Pen  
COUNTY OF Ototo

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared George Ann Poole who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 33 years of age, and a resident of the State of Choctaw and County of Stoka that she is personally acquainted with George Ann Poole who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That her maiden name is Dillard that she is the daughter of Edward L. and Sarah Dillard. That the maiden name of said Sarah Dillard was Chronister and she is the daughter of the late John Chronister and who was born in Mississippi about the year of 1775 and died in Texas about the year of 1857. That the said John Chronister was a Choctaw Indian by blood and a member of the Choctaw nation or tribe of Indians. That affiant has been taught by her father and mother that the said John Chronister intermarried with a Choctaw Indian woman in Mississippi and by such marriage said Sarah Dillard nee Chronister was born in Mississippi about the year of 1846. Affiant further says that the said Sarah Dillard nee Chronister subsequently moved to the Choctaw Nation and died in Stoka County Choctaw Nation I. T. in 1893. Affiant further says that said Sarah Dillard was at least 1/4 Choctaw blood and that she and her father the late John Chronister were family members of the Choctaw tribe of Indians and citizens of St

Affiant further states: That she has known the said George Ann Poole for the past years and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said affiant indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Sarah Dillard she believes she herself to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of said John Chronister who was a Choctaw Indian and a member of the Choctaw nation or Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of August 1896

Notary Public  
My Commission expires March 2, 1899

\* \* \* Affiant further says that she is personally acquainted with George Ann Poole who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states: That she has known the said George Ann Poole for the past years and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said affiant indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Sarah Dillard she believes she herself to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of said John Chronister who was a Choctaw Indian and a member of the Choctaw nation or Indian tribe.

Choctaw Nation

# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS,

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF George Ann Poole  
 FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Choctaw NATION, as a hick  
 STATE OF Indian Territory } ss.  
 COUNTY OF McF

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared John W. Sanders who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 46 years of age, and a resident of the State of Chickasaw and County of Pickens and postoffice address is Healdton, Okla. Terr.; that he is personally acquainted with George Ann Poole who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)  
That he is personally acquainted with George Ann Poole and knows her immediate family. He knows that she was the daughter of the late E. Ann & S. A. Dillard, and that she knows the said Sarah Dillard for more than 30 years, and knows that she the said Sarah Dillard was recognized and regarded by the people as an Indian woman. That she was born about the year of 1846 and in the latter County in 1893. Affiant further says that the said George Ann Poole intermarried with E. R. Poole a white man in 1888, and they such marriage children were born and are now living family, 2 of S. Poole, Charles W. Poole, Edward S. Poole, Ann Mable Poole, Dora R. Poole and E. R. Poole, ages 13, 10, 8, 5, 3, 1, respectively. She is at least 1/8 Choctaw blood, and an attorney of Choctaw and state. The said Sarah Dillard is at least 1/8 Choctaw blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said George Ann Poole for the past 20 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said George Ann Poole indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Sarah Dillard he believes the said George Ann Poole to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a direct descendant of the said Sarah Dillard.  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of August 1894  
J. W. Sanders  
Notary Public.  
 My Commission expires 1899

George Ann  
Pool

J. P. Mullen,  
Atty. for Petitioner



### AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF

FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE

STATE OF

Indian Territory  
Atoka

SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared

WYLLIOTT JOHNSON

who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 20...

years of age, and a resident of the State of Choctaw Nation and County of Atoka and

2001 postoffice address is Coalgate, I. D. ; that She is personally acquainted with

George Ann Poole who is an applicant for Citizenship in the U. S. A.

Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he became acquainted with the late MURDER H. WILLIAMS in Jack County, Texas in 1960 and he knows her from that time and he knew until her death which occurred in Atoka County, Oklahoma, in 1962. AMBROSIO further says that at the time of her death that she was trying to prove up her right to oil lands in the West Texas section.

Adjutant Smith says that he is personally acquainted with Mary A. Sanders, George and Poole, Sarah L. Sanders, John P. S., Arnold Billiard and Robert E. Billiard, and knows that each of them are the legitimate children of the late Sarah L. A. Billiard. He knows that at first was known said name. For the actual identity of all know the their complexion and physical appearance, in fact all Americans and know what he knows of the said Sarah A. Billiard and that there are almost 200 of white and 1000 of black and are at least 1000 of the Cheateau blood and that the said Mary A. Sanders and Billiard, George and Poole and Billiard and Sarah L. Sanders are first class of the first in Aiken County, Georgia, and are regarded by the public generally as Cheateau Indians by blood and the full blood. The Billiard and Arnold Billiard and Robert E. Billiard, are now residing at Jackson County, Texas, and are regarded by the public generally as Cheateau Indians by blood.

... Affluent feather says it is not suitable for ...  
... the ... of ...  
... that no ...

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Dorah L. Dillard for the past 15 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and

the public generally as having <sup>GHOOT</sup> Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Sarah S. Dillard indicate that she is of <sup>GHOOT</sup> Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Sarah A. Dillinger he believes the said Bma George Ann Poo to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said         

Sarah A. Willard.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of

August 25

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My Commission expires..... July 8, 1900

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**End**

John Portwood  
#1260

John Portwood

CASE No. 81

AFFIDAVIT

OF

Wesley McDonald

Tom King

John Portwood

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above written.

J. J. McDonald



# AFFIDAVIT.

*Mack McDonald age 59 years*

*Tom Billy*

and says: \_\_\_\_\_, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes

That he resides at *Tucker*, State of *Miss*;

that he is *58* years of age; that he knows *John Portwood (a single man)*

the claimant, and that he is a *Choctaw* Indian by blood; that the following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's ~~Wife~~ *John Portwood a single man*  
Husband  
Claimant's Father *John Billy*  
Mother *Elizabeth Portwood*  
Claimant's Father's Father  
Father's Mother  
Mother's Father  
Mother's Mother  
Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather  
Indian Great Grandmother

## CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

|         | SEX. | AGE. |          | SEX. | AGE. |
|---------|------|------|----------|------|------|
| 1. .... |      |      | 6. ....  |      |      |
| 2. .... |      |      | 7. ....  |      |      |
| 3. .... |      |      | 8. ....  |      |      |
| 4. .... |      |      | 9. ....  |      |      |
| 5. .... |      |      | 10. .... |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from recognized members and citizens of the *Choctaw* Nation, and as such ought to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the *Choctaw* Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the *24<sup>th</sup>* day of

*August*, 1896.

*Mack McDonald*  
*Tom Billy*

State of Miss.  
Neshoba County

ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 24 day of August, 1896,  
before me J. J. Madenorth Justice of the Peace, personally came  
Mack McDonald and Tom Billy who speak  
and understand the English language well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

J. J. Madenorth J. P.

CASE No. 81

AFFIDAVIT

Mack McDonald

Tom Billy

John Portwood

**End**

Isaac Post oak

#1212

Isaac Post oak



Postoak, Isaac,  
Postoak, *Charley*  
Postoak, William,

# AFFIDAVIT.

Tom Smith, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says:

That he resides at Garlands ville, State of Mississippi; that he is 55 years of age; that he knows Isaac Post oak the claimant, and that he is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife none

Husband Isaac Post oak

Claimant's Father Oklatahi

Mother

Claimant's Father's Father

Father's Mother

Mother's Father

Mother's Mother

Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather

Indian Great Grandmother

## CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

|                            | SEX.     | AGE.      |     | SEX. | AGE. |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|-----|------|------|
| 1. <u>Charly Post oak</u>  | <u>M</u> | <u>18</u> | 6.  |      |      |
| 2. <u>William Post oak</u> | <u>"</u> | <u>12</u> | 7.  |      |      |
| 3.                         |          |           | 8.  |      |      |
| 4.                         |          |           | 9.  |      |      |
| 5.                         |          |           | 10. |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1896. Tom <sup>his</sup> Smith  
mark.

State of Miss  
Jasper County } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1896,  
before me a Justice of the Peace, personally came  
Tom Smith

well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

A. J. Dyck Justice of the Peace

CASE No. 31

AFFIDAVIT

**End**



Esbie Potubbié

#1242

Esbie Potubbié

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above written.

*J. J. Gladman*

CASE No. *62*

AFFIDAVIT

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*Espie Potubbe*

# AFFIDAVIT.

Maek McDonald age 58  
Tom Billy age 58, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes  
 and says:

That he resides at Tucker, State of Mississippi;  
 that he is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age; that he knows Estie Patubbee  
 the claimant, and that she is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the  
 following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife Estie Patubbee Singer  
 Husband \_\_\_\_\_  
 Claimant's Father Jackson Patubbee  
 Mother Maury Patubbee  
 Claimant's Father's Father Jackson Patubbee  
 Father's Mother Estie Patubbee  
 Mother's Father \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
 Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_  
 Indian Great Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_

## CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

|          | SEX. | AGE. |           | SEX. | AGE. |
|----------|------|------|-----------|------|------|
| 1. _____ |      |      | 6. _____  |      |      |
| 2. _____ |      |      | 7. _____  |      |      |
| 3. _____ |      |      | 8. _____  |      |      |
| 4. _____ |      |      | 9. _____  |      |      |
| 5. _____ |      |      | 10. _____ |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from  
 recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought  
 to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw  
 Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 24th day of  
Aug, 1896.

Maek McDonald  
Maek  
Tom Billy  
Maek

State of Mississippi }  
County of Neshoba } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 24th day of Aug, 1896,  
before me J. J. Wadsworth Justice of the Peace, personally came  
Meek McDonald and Jan Billy who speak and  
understand the English Language well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

J. J. Wadsworth, J. P.

CASE No. 62

AFFIDAVIT

Eddie Portier



**End**

JACKSON POTUBBIE  
#1257

JACKSON POTUBBIE

Potubbie Jackson

Potubbie Nancy

Potubbie Lonny

Potubbie Bessie

Potubbie Potsie

CASE No. 78

AFFIDAVIT

Jacques Pluthe

Written.

J. J. Pluthe

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_



Mack McDonald age 37 years  
**AFFIDAVIT.**

Tom Billy, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says:

That he resides at Truckee, State of Miss;  
that he is 58 years of age; that he knows Jackson Potubbie  
the claimant, and that he is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife Nancy Potubbie  
Husband Jackson Potubbie  
Claimant's Father Jackson Potubbie  
Mother Sallie Potubbie  
Claimant's Father's Father  
Father's Mother  
Mother's Father  
Mother's Mother  
Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather  
Indian Great Grandmother

CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

|                           | SEX.     | AGE.      |     | SEX. | AGE. |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|-----|------|------|
| 1. <u>Lenny Potubbie</u>  | <u>M</u> | <u>14</u> | 6.  |      |      |
| 2. <u>Barrie Potubbie</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>9</u>  | 7.  |      |      |
| 3. <u>Potter Potubbie</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>3</u>  | 8.  |      |      |
| 4.                        |          |           | 9.  |      |      |
| 5.                        |          |           | 10. |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1896.

Mack McDonald  
his  
Tom Billy

State of Mississippi }  
County of Neshobys } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 24 day of Aug, 1896,  
before me J. J. Wadsworth Justice of the Peace, personally came  
Maek McDonald and Tom Bieby who speak the  
English Language well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

J. J. Wadsworth J.P.

CASE No. 78

AFFIDAVIT

Jackson Bluthie

**End**

Lucy A. Powell

# 399

Lucy A. Powell



Powell, Lucy A.,  
Powell, William M.,  
Teague, Archanna, A.,  
Powell, John M.,  
Powell, Sarah E.,  
Powell, Robert E.,  
Powell, Joseph E.,  
Powell, Mattie J.,  
Powell, Laura B.,  
Powell, Ondis, J.,  
Powell, William R.,  
Teague, Robert C.,  
Lucas, Lucy E.,  
Southerland, Sarah C.,  
Teague, John S.,  
Teague, William O.,  
Teague, Charley R.,  
Teague, Nancy A.,  
Teague, Herman B.,  
Teague, Minnie A.,  
Powell, Rebecca A.,  
Powell, Lillie E.,  
Southerland, John C.,

-8- *Nelly*

Southerland, Whilly M.,  
Southerland, Charley R.,  
Powell, John M.,  
Powell, Julia A.,  
Powell, Joseph J.,  
Powell, Robert E.,  
Powell, Lillie E.,  
Powell, Oscar,  
Powell, Mertie M.,

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner will ever pray, etc.

The aforementioned petitioner, Lucy A. Pawell says that the statements set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of April, 1896.

James Clark  
Notary Public.  
Bass, Oklahoma 22/97.

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICATION OF  
Lucy A. Pawell Et. Al.,  
FOR  
Enrollment in Chodaw Nation  
Filed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189.  
Sec. U. S. Com Five Civ. Tribes.  
M. M. Lindly  
Attorney for Petitioner.  
CAPITAL PRINT, South McAlester.

# APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

Before the United States Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians:

Lucy A. Powell Et. Al. PETITIONER,  
VS. Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, RESPONDENT.  
APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner Lucy A. Powell states that John Hall was a full blood Choctaw Indian by blood, was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in the State of Mississippi and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and immunities of other Choctaw Indians by blood in the said Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said John Hall appears or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said Choctaw Indians for the year \_\_\_\_\_

That the petition is a lineal descendant of the said John Hall to-wit Elizabeth Hall a daughter of John Hall married one white man by the name of Nicholas Newton and lived together as man and wife and raised your petitioner Lucy A. Powell (nee Hall) married one white man John Powell in the year 1850 and and lived together as man and wife until the death of John Powell and raised the following heirs

That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said Choctaw Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other Choctaw Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner Lucy A. Powell persons, as follows, to-wit:  
William M. Powell, a son, and 45 years of age  
Archanna A. Powell, a daughter, and 43 years of age  
John M. Powell, a son, and 38 years of age  
Sarah E. Powell, a daughter, and 36 years of age  
Robert E. Powell, a son, and 32 years of age  
Joseph E. Powell, a son, and 30 years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that the name, with those of



Lucy A. Powell and the said descendants to-wit: William M. Powell  
Archamua A. Powell - John M. Powell - Sarah E. Powell  
Robert E. Powell - Joseph E. Powell  
and Lucy A. Powell be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges and  
immunities of other Indians, in and to the Nation or  
Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

And in support of said claim herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence namely:

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner  
will ever pray, etc.

M. M. Lundy  
Attorneys for petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner, Lucy A. Powell says that the statements  
set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

Lucy A. Powell Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of Sept. 1896.

James Clark  
Notary Public.  
Comm. Expires June 22/97.

|               |                                           |        |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| No.           | APPLICATION OF<br>Lucy A. Powell Et. Al., | Nation |
| Enrollment in | FOR<br>Cherokee                           |        |
| Filed on the  | day of                                    | 189.   |
|               | Sec. U. S. Com Five Civ. Tribe s.         |        |
|               | M. M. Lundy<br>Attorney for Petitioner.   |        |
|               | CAPITAL PARK, South McAlester.            |        |

Territory of Oklahoma ) Affidavit of  
County of Pottawatomie ) Lucy A. Powell

Lucy A. Powell being duly  
sworn on oath deposes and says that  
I left Mississippi Maahoba County in 1867  
to the west I have been a widow nineteen  
years and never made an application to  
the Indian Council before for the want of  
means

Lucy<sup>her</sup> A. Powell  
mark.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1886

J. C. Clark

Notary Public

Term expires June 27/97

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Lucy A. Powell  
for admission to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.  
In Oklahoma  
State of Pottawatomie } ss  
County of Pottawatomie

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Burton S. Stafford who, after being by me duly sworn, states:  
That he is 60 years of age, and a resident of the State of Oklahoma and County of Pottawatomie and his post office address is Burnetts;  
that he is personally acquainted with Lucy A. Powell who is an applicant for  
Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestry of Indian blood.)

That he has known the applicant for ten  
years and have known them to claim to be  
of Choctaw Indian blood. I am personally  
acquainted with the applicant and all of  
her heirs

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Lucy A. Powell for the  
past 10 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Lucy A. Powell indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Lucy A. Powell he believes the said Lucy A. Powell to be a descendent by blood of the Indian tribe, and a lineal descendent of the said John Hall.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of Sept 1896

My Commission expires June 27/97

Burton S. Stafford  
James Clark  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Lucy A. Powell  
 for admission to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.  
 State of Oklahoma  
 County of Pottawatomie } ss

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Richard B. Yeager who, after being by me duly sworn, states:  
 That he is 60 years of age, and a resident of the State of Oklahoma and County of Washita and his post office address is Clarendon City  
 that Lucy A. Powell is personally acquainted with Lucy A. Powell who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

I have known the above claimant  
Lucy A. Powell for about one year  
know her to be the person she represents  
herself to be. I am acquainted with the  
heirs and have been for about sixteen  
years and know that they have claimed  
to be of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Lucy A. Powell for the  
 past one years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Lucy A. Powell indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Lucy A. Powell he believes the said Lucy A. Powell to be a descendent by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendent of the said John Hall

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of September, 1896

My Commission expires June 27/97 Richard B. Yeager  
James Clark  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.



Application for Enrollment  
Before the United States Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

Robert E. Powell  
vs. Petitioner  
Checlaw Nation Indian Territory Respondent } Application for  
admission & enrollment

To the above named Honorable Commission

Your petitioner Robert E. Powell  
Heir of Lucy A. Powell ne Hall after being duly  
sworn deposeth and says, that the petitioner is a  
legal descendant of the said Lucy A. Powell ne Hall  
and married a white woman by the name  
of Mattie J. Jones and lived together as man  
and wife and raised the following heirs  
to wit

|                   |            |             |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Laura B. Powell   | a daughter | 8 years old |
| Andis J. Powell   | a son      | 6 " "       |
| William R. Powell | a son      | 1 " "       |

Robert E. Powell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th  
day of September 1896

James Clark

Notary Public

Term Expires June 27/97

## Application for Enrollment

Before the United States Commissioner of the Five  
Civilized Tribes of Indians

Archanna A. Hagne, Petitioner }  
Choctaw Nation Indian Territory }  
Independent }

To the above named Honorable Commissioner

Your petitioner Archanna A. Hagne, the  
wife of Lucy A. Powell nee Hall and married an  
Choctaw Indian by blood Robert C. Hagne and  
lived together as man and wife and raised  
the following heirs to wit

Lucy E. Lucas a daughter twenty six years old  
Sarah C. Douthard a daughter and twenty three years old  
John D. Hagne a son sixteen years old  
William C. Hagne a son fourteen years old  
Charles B. Hagne a son twelve " "  
Nancy A. Hagne a daughter eight years of age  
Herman B. Hagne a son five " "  
Minnie A. Hagne a daughter one year of age

Archanna A. Hagne  
Petitioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
5<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1896

James Clark

Notary Public

Term expires June 27/1897

Application for Enrollment  
To the United States Commissioner to the Five  
Civilized of Indians  
Joseph E. Powell, Petitioner } Application for  
Choctaw Nation Indian Territory } Admission and Enrollment  
Respondent

To the above named Honorable Commissioner  
Your Petitioner Joseph E. Powell  
heir of Lucy A. Powell nee Hall after being duly  
sworn deposes and says that the petitioner is a  
lineal descendant of the said Lucy A. Powell  
nee Hall and married a white woman by the  
name of Rebecca J. Villins and lived together  
as man and wife and raised the following  
heirs to wit:

Lillie E. Powell a daughter age 3 years  
Joseph E. Powell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1886

James Clouty  
Notary Public  
Term Expires June 27/1897



## Application for Enrollment.

Before the United States Commission of the Five Civilized Tribes  
Sarah C. Southerland Petitioner  
Choctaw Nation Indian Territory  
Respondent

To the above named Honorable Commission  
Your petitioner Sarah C. Southerland  
bel of Archanna A. Leagne ne Powell and  
married one white man John C. Southerland  
and lived together as man and wife and raised  
the following heirs to wit:

Nelly M. Southerland a daughter and two years of age  
Charly R. Southerland a son six months old.

Sarah<sup>nee</sup> C. Southerland  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896

James Clark

Notary Public

Term Expires Jan 27/1897



State of Oklahoma.  
Pottawatomie County } 8.

I John M. Powell  
being first duly sworn on my oath depose  
and say that I have very recently learned  
of the Waros Commission and of the  
purpose for which said Commission  
was appointed

That I have used all possible  
care and diligence in preparing  
the papers and in filing them same  
in the matter of the application of  
myself for enrollment in the  
Choctaw Nation Indian Territory.

John M. Powell

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Sept-1896

Geo W Briggs

My Com Ex. 5/4/99

Notary Public

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner will ever pray, etc.

*J. M. Lindly*

Attorney for petitioner.

The aforementioned petitioner, *John M. Powell* says that the statements set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

*John M. Powell*

Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

*7*

day of

*Sept*

1896.

*My Commission Expires 5/4/99*

Notary Public.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION OF  
*John M. Powell Et. Al.*

FOR  
Enrollment in *Chicklaw* Nation

Filed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_\_\_

Sec. U. S. Com Five Civ. Tribes.  
*M. M. Lindly*  
Attorney for Petitioner.

CAPITAL PRINT, South McAlester.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

Before the United States Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians:

*John M. Powell* Et. Al. }  
PETITIONER, }  
VS. } APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.  
*Choctaw* Nation, Indian Territory, }  
RESPONDENT. }

TO THE ABOVE NAMED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner *John M. Powell* states that *John Hall*  
was a *Choctaw* Indian by blood, was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
*the state of Mississippi* and enjoyed all the rights, privileges,  
benefits and immunities of other *Choctaw* Indians by blood in the said *Choctaw*  
Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said *John Hall*  
or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said *Choctaw* Indians for the year

That the petition is a lineal descendant of the said *Lucy A. Powell nee Hall*. He will  
*I John M. Powell is a son of Lucy A. Powell*  
*nee Hall, John M. Powell married a white*  
*woman by the name of Julia A. Pick, and*  
*lived together as man and wife and raised the*  
*following descendants*

That under the constitution,  
laws, usages and customs of the said *Choctaw* Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United  
States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member  
of said *Choctaw* Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits,  
privileges and immunities of other *Choctaw* Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner *John M. Powell* persons, as follows, to-wit:  
*Joseph J. Powell*, a *son*, and *14* years of age  
*Robert E. Powell*, a *"*, and *12* years of age  
*Lillie E. Powell*, a *daughter*, and *7* years of age  
*Oscar Powell*, a *son*, and *4* years of age  
*Martin M. Powell*, a *daughter*, and *2* years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that *the* name, with those of

John M. Powell and his said descendants to-wit: Joseph J. Powell  
Robert J. Powell Lilla E. Powell Oscar Powell  
Minnie Powell

and be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges and  
immunities of other Choctaw Indians, in and to the Choctaw Nation or  
Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

And in support of said claim herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence namely:

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner  
will ever pray, etc.

M. M. Lively  
Attorneys for petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner, John M. Powell says that the statements  
set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7 day of Sept 1896.  
John M. Powell Petitioner.

My Commission Expires 5/21/99  
Escholt Bragg  
Notary Public.

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| No.           | APPLICATION OF                  | FOR     | Nation |
|               | John M. Powell Et. Al.,         | Choctaw |        |
| Enrollment in |                                 |         |        |
| Filed on the  | day of                          | 189     |        |
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|               | Sec. U. S. Com Five Civ. Tribe  |         |        |
|               | M. M. Lively                    |         |        |
|               | Attorney for Petitioners.       |         |        |
|               | CAPITAL PRIZE, South McAlester. |         |        |



**End**

W.W. Poyner

W.W. Poyner

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT IN THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT, AT ARDMORE.  
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W. W. Poyner et al

No. 18.....

vs

as

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

CHICKASAW NATION.

To R. M. Harris, Governor of the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians,.

You are hereby notified that the plaintiffs in this cause has filed with the Clerk of the United States Court for the Southern District of the Indian Territory at Ardmore in said Territory, an application for appeal in the above case, from the decision of the Tribal authorities authorized to pass upon citizenship and revise the rolls of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians on the 26 day of Dec. 1896, together with the application and evidence made and presented to said Tribal authorities

J. W. Phillips CLERK.

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W. W. Poyner & Co

vs

Chickasaw Nation

IN SENATE, JANUARY 18, 1856.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS

OF THE LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A

RESOLUTION OF THE

SENATE, PASSED

MARCH 18, 1855.

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Application for Enrollment

Indian Person  
Alde. Cause

In matter of

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public  
for the State and County of said the day  
personally appeared John D. Price who after  
being duly sworn states as follows.

I am 41 years of age. I am a citizen of the  
Choctaw Nation by marriage. My Nat. Office  
address is Cool Hope. Indian Territory.  
I married Susan Jane Elizabeth McPherson  
a citizen of the Choctaw Nation by Nat. She  
is a daughter of James W. McPherson &  
Mary McPherson nee Hartman. My wife  
got her Indian blood through her mother. I am  
a large land owner in the Choctaw Nation  
I pay no permit and looked upon & considered  
a Choctaw citizen though my wife & I by the  
law enrolled. I did not obtain a marriage  
certificate.

Witness

Jos. A. Boggs  
Lur

Notar my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896

Martin

John D. Price

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day  
of September 1896

W. B. Rogers  
my Commissioner upon said 1896

Office of Notary

Indian Pen  
Attest to

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public for  
the State of Iowa, appeared this day personally  
appearing Eliza Lawrence who after being  
duly sworn stated as follows

I am 33 years of age & a citizen of the  
Cherokee Nation of Ind. My Nat Office address  
is Fort Lupton, Indian Pen. I am personally  
acquainted with John D. Price & his  
wife Sarah Jane Price nee McPherson.  
The father of Mrs Price was James McPherson  
a white man & his mother Mary McPherson  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Ind. Said  
Price has in large farms & improvements  
& enjoys all the rights of a Cherokee of Ind.  
Witness my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1896

Eliza Lawrence

Seen to and subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 1896

Notary Public

My commission expires 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1899.



# Affidavit of Naturalization

Ind. as Recd  
Attest: G. W. Harker

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public this day personally appeared G. W. Harker a citizen of the ~~Cherokee~~ <sup>Cherokee</sup> Nation who after being duly sworn states as follows:

I am 21 years of age and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. My last office address is located in Indian Territory. I am personally acquainted with John S. Price. I know that he married J. C. James McPherson a citizen of the Cherokee Nation by blood. She is a daughter of James W. McPherson a white man and Mary McPherson a citizen of the Cherokee Nation by blood. I further know that said Price enjoys all the rights & privileges of a Cherokee citizen.

Witness my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896

G. W. Harker

I am to and subscribe before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896

J. C. James

applicant for  
Enrollment of  
J. D. Price  
Coalgate  
Ind.

Stun G. H.

H. T. V. Perry,  
Coalgate, Ind. Ter.

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF THE  
INDIAN TERRITORY, AT SOUTH McALESTER.

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J. D. Price Plaintiff,

vs.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

The Choctaw Nation, Defendant.

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To J. D. Price the above named plaintiff:

You are hereby notified that an appeal has been taken from the judgment of the Dawes Commission in the above entitled cause, and petition for said appeal has been filed in the above entitled cause in the United States Court at South McAlester.

THE CHOCTAW NATION,

By Wm M. Cravens

And Stuart Gordon & Hailey  
Its Attorneys.

**End**



S. E. Jane Price

S. E. Jane Price

Application for Citizens hip.

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Attest

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public in  
the County of State of said this day  
personally appeared, I was Elizabeth Jane  
Price Mee McPherson, who took a solemn  
oath and said she was a citizen of the State  
of North Carolina. I am a female descendant  
of David Beeson who emigrated to this  
Country from Massachusetts. He and now  
a full blood Briton. My father name was  
James M McPherson a United States citizen  
and my mother name was Mary Hartgrove  
a citizen of the United States by blood.  
I am always taught by my mother that I  
was a Briton by blood.

Witness my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of <sup>Sept</sup> 1896  
J. E. Price

Witness

Jos A Boyd

and

subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day  
Sept. 1896

J. E. Price

affidavit of Witness

In matter of Petition <sup>sum. Elizabet</sup> <sup>Memorandum of</sup> ~~James~~  
James Orrison ~~applicant~~ <sup>applicant</sup> for enrollment as a  
Cherokee Citizen

Indian Terr.  
Atoka County

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public  
for the County of Atoka, Oklahoma this day  
personally appeared ~~James~~ <sup>James</sup> ~~Orrison~~ <sup>Orrison</sup> who after  
being duly sworn made a following:

I am 21 years of age and a citizen of the  
Cherokee Nation by blood. My father is Coal  
Lyle Ind. Terr. I am personally acquainted  
with the applicant and know her to be a  
Cherokee by blood. I know her to be a daughter  
of James W. McPherson & Mary McPherson  
nee Hartman. Her mother being a Cherokee  
by blood. I live near the applicant. She is  
recognized as a Cherokee by her neighbors & enjoys  
all the rights & privileges of a citizen of the  
Nation.

Witness my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896  
G. H. Hardin

Seen to & subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of September 1896

*[Signature]*  
my commission expires 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1899

affidavit of witness

In matter of Petition <sup>to</sup> M. M. of Sum  
Elizabeth Jane Price applicant for ~~summons~~ or a writ  
of habeas corpus

Indian River  
County Florida

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public for  
the County & State of Florida this day personally  
appeared Eliza Lawrence who after being duly sworn  
states.

I am 23 years of age & a citizen of the County  
of Indian River. My last office address is  
Coral Gable, Indian River. I am personally  
acquainted with the applicant. She is  
a citizen of the County of Indian River. She got her  
Citizenship from her mother Mary <sup>Price</sup> ~~Price~~  
nee Hartman. I live in the same neighborhood  
as the applicant and know she is recognized  
as a citizen and enjoys all the  
rights of such.

Witness my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896  
Eliza Lawrence

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of September 1896.

J. H. DORR  
my commission expires 30th April 1899



Affidavit of Witness,

In matter of Petition<sup>2</sup> & Memorial of  
Susan E. Price for admission to  
citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Iord Terr  
Atoka County Before me the undersigned  
a Notary Public in and for the County  
and State aforesaid personally appeared  
James W. McPherson who after being  
duly sworn states as follows:

That he is 72 years of age and a  
resident of the Indian Territory  
Tobuxy County and my Post Office  
address is Mc Allister Iord Terr. that he  
is personally acquainted with  
Susan E. Price who is an applicant  
for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation  
Affiant further states,

I was well and personally acquainted  
with one Sarah Beason in  
the state of Mississippi she was a  
full blood Choctaw and lived with  
the Choctaws there one of the daughters  
of the said Sarah Beason. I don't  
remember her name married Elias  
Hartgrove, and one of the daughters  
of said Elias Hartgrove by said marriage  
her name was Susan married  
Charles Hartgrove and I married

one of the daughters of the last  
said marriage. her name was  
Susan Elizabeth Jane Hartgrove,  
and the applicant her and Susan  
Elizabeth Jane Price is my daughter  
by this said marriage.

Affiant further states that he has  
known the said Susan E. Price all her  
life, and knows that she has been and  
is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances  
and the Public generally as having Choctaw  
Indian blood and that the complexion  
and physical appearance of the said  
Susan E. Price indicates that she is a  
Choctaw Indian blood and decent.

Affiant further says that from the above  
facts and circumstances and from  
what he has heard and knows of the  
family of the said Sarah Beason he  
believes the said Susan E. Price to be a  
descendant by blood of the Choctaw  
Indian tribe and a lineal descendant  
of the said Sarah Beason. he being  
~~subscribed to~~ sworn to before me this  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept. 1896 James W. McPherson  
My Commission expires Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1897.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true & correct copy  
of the original then of file with the same known  
Master registered and the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1896  
J. D. Young Notary Public

Appellate for  
Citizenship of  
H. T. V. Perry  
Coalgate  
Ind.

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H. T. V. Perry,  
Coalgate, Ind. Ter.

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Nettie W. Pringley

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF THE  
INDIAN TERRITORY, AT SALT SPRING, I.T.

Nathan Pongas et al.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

CORPORATE NATION.

To the Hon. U. S. District  
Attorney General of the Cherokee Nation.

We are hereby notified that an appeal from the judgment of the  
Lower Commission, in the United States Court for the central district  
of the Indian Territory, at Salt Spring, has been perfected in the  
above styled case.

Nathan Pongas  
by M. M. Kinney et al.

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Nellie Pringle et al,  
vs.  
Charles Nelson

Notice of Appeal

IN SENATE, JANUARY 11, 1892.  
REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE, IN ANSWER TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE, MAY 1, 1891.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

CHIEF JUSTICE.

of the judges of the court of appeals, for the purpose of the court of appeals, in the case of the land office, in answer to a resolution passed by the senate, may 1, 1891.

of the judges of the court of appeals.

of the judges of the court of appeals.



Certificate of Marriage  
Territory of Oklahoma.

This Certifies, that on the 19 day of June  
1894 at — in said County according to law and by  
authority. I duly joined in Marriage - Mr. Geo W. Pringle of  
Lincoln Co. Okla. and Miss Nellie W. Weaver of Lincoln Co. Okla.  
That there appeared to be no lawful impediments to such marriage, and that  
the parties were satisfactorily proven to be the persons described in this Certificate  
and of sufficient age to contract Marriage

There was present as witness J. J. Tubbs of Leflore.

Given Under my hand the 17 day of June, A.D. 1894

J. H. Lilly  
To the Register of Deeds. - County Ok. M. & G.

Exhibit 9.

# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Kettie W. Pringle  
for admission to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

State of Texas  
County of Grayson } ss

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Tom Colson who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 55 years of age, and a resident of the State of Ind. Tex. and County of Blue County and his post office address is Cole that he is personally acquainted with Kettie W. Pringle who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he was well acquainted with Annie Powell and knows that she was a Choctaw woman and knows that she had a daughter Kettie W. who married a white man by of George W. Pringle affiant further says he is a full blood Choctaw and a member of the Choctaw tribe in the Ind. Tex.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Kettie W. Pringle for the past 24 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Kettie W. Pringle indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Kettie W. Pringle he believes the said Kettie W. Pringle to be a descendent by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendent of the said Annie Powell

Tom Colson  
Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of September, 1896

F. W. Howes

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires June 18th 1897

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Kettie W. Pringley  
for admission to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

State of Texas  
County of Groesbeck } ss

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared James Wilton who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 50 years of age, and a resident of the State of Texas and County of Groesbeck and his post office address is Denison; that he is personally acquainted with Kettie W. Pringley who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he was well acquainted with  
Ammie Powell and he knew that she  
was a Choctaw woman and  
knows that she had a daughter  
Kettie W. who married a white man  
name was of George W. Pringley  
affiant says that he is a member  
of the Choctaw tribe in the  
Ind. Ter.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Kettie W. Pringley for the past 24 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Kettie W. Pringley indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Kettie W. Pringley he believes the said Kettie W. Pringley to be a descendent by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendent of the said Ammie Powell

James Wilton  
Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of Sept, 1899

A. N. Wilson J. P.  
and NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires

and  
Groesbeck county  
Texas

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner will ever pray, &c.

Attorneys for petitioner.

The aforementioned petitioner,

set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

*Nettie W. Pringus*

says that the statements

*Nettie W. Pringus* Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

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day of

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1896.

*H. G. Reed*

Notary Public.

*May comm. 28 July 22 ed 1900*

No.

APPLICATION OF

*Nettie W. Pringus* Et. Al.

FOR

Enrollment in Nation

Filed on the day of 189.

Sec. U. S. Com Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

CAPITAL PRINT, South McAlester.



APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

Before the United States Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians:

*Kettie W Bringley* Et. Al.  
PETITIONER,  
VS.  
*Choctaw* Nation, Indian Territory,  
RESPONDENT.

APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner *Kettie W Bringley* states that *Annie Powell*  
was a *Choctaw* Indian by blood; was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
*the State of Mississippi* and enjoyed all the rights, privileges,  
benefits and immunities of other *Choctaw* Indians by blood in the said *State*  
Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said *Annie Powell* appears  
or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said *Choctaw* Indians for the year

That the petition is a lineal descendant of the said *Annie Powell* to-wit  
*A Grand Daughter* and your Petitioner is  
now married to *George W Bringley*. "See  
Marriage Certificate" hereto attached and  
marked exhibit "A."

That under the constitution,  
laws, usages and customs of the said *Choctaw* Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United  
States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member  
of said *Choctaw* Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits,  
privileges and immunities of other *Choctaw* Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner persons, as follows, to-wit:

|                            |   |                 |     |                  |              |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------|-----|------------------|--------------|
| <i>Kettie W Bringley</i>   | a |                 | and |                  | years of age |
| <i>George W Bringley</i>   | a | <i>Affiant</i>  | and | <i>24</i>        | years of age |
| <i>Marguerite Bringley</i> | a | <i>Husband</i>  | and | <i>32</i>        | years of age |
|                            | a | <i>Daughter</i> | and | <i>14 months</i> | years of age |
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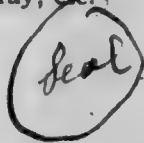
Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that *her* name, with those of

her (Husband) said descendants to-wit: George W Pringley and Margarette Pringley

and that they be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other Choctaw Indians, in and to the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

And in support of said claim herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence namely:

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner will ever pray, etc.



Attorneys for petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner, Nettie W. Pringley says that the statements set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9 day of Sept 1896.

H G Beaud

Notary Public.

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| No. | APPLICATION OF    | Enrollment in | Nation | Filed on the | day of | 189 | Sec. U. S. Com. File Clr. Tribe | Attorney for Petitioner. | CAPITAL PRINT, South Webster. |
|     | Nettie W Pringley |               |        |              |        |     |                                 |                          |                               |

My com. ex July 22nd, 1900

**End**

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Prola, John,  
Prola, Cornelia Benton

BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

John Bola, Applicant for enrollment as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

YOUR APPLICANT, John Bola, respectfully represents to this Honorable Commission that he is a regularly recognized member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians of the Indian Territory and is a bona fide resident of the Choctaw Nation and is entitled to be placed upon the rolls being prepared by this Honorable Commission, as a member of said Choctaw Tribe or Nation, for the following reasons to-wit:

1st. There is no correct and perfect roll of the members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and no law or authority for the Choctaw Nation to make such rolls.

2nd Your applicant was on the 18 day of March 1887. A citizen of the United States and a white man and resident of the Choctaw Nation and was on said date legally and in compliance with the laws of the Choctaw Nation married to Cornelia Benton Bola nee Cornelia Benton who was then and is now a regularly recognized member by blood of the said Choctaw Tribe of Indians, a copy of the marriage license and the certificate of marriage is hereto attached and marked exhibits "A" and "B" and made a part hereof.

3rd. By virtue of said marriage your applicant became a member of the said tribe of Indians and has ever since been so recognized by the other members of the said nation and his membership has never been denied or forfeited.

Your applicant files herewith the affidavit of Martha Davis As additional proof of the membership of his wife Cornelia Benton Bola nee Cornelia Benton And asks that his name be placed upon the roll as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

John Bola  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 21 day of Sept 1896.

John Ralls  
Notary Public for the Central District of the Indian

Choctaw Nation,  
County of Tobuckay.

To any Minister of the Gospel, Judge or any Person in the Choctaw Nation authorized to solemnize the rites of Matrimony,

Greeting:

Whereas, John Prola, a non-citizen of the Choctaw Nation has duly made application to the undersigned Judge of the County Court, within and for the County of Tobuckay, C. N., for license to enter into the bonds of matrimony with one Cornelia Benton, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and the undersigned being ~~authorized~~ satisfied that the said John Prola is a suitable person to be granted a license to enter into the bonds of matrimony with the said Cornelia Benton, doth therefore grant unto said John Prola a license to marry the said Cornelia Benton, and any Minister of the Gospel, or person authorized by law in the Choctaw Nation is hereby authorized to join in matrimony the said John Prola and the said Cornelia Benton.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this 5th day of Dec. 1887.

W. B. Pitchlynn

County and Probate Judge, Tobuckay County, Choctaw Nation.

John Asola  
as  
Choctaw Nation

White Man



BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of  
*John Bola*, Applicant for  
enrollment as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

ON THIS the *3rd* day of *Sept* 1896, personally appeared  
before me the undersigned authority, *Mrs Martha Davis* who,  
having been by me first duly sworn according to law states on his oath as follows  
to-wit:

"I am *24* years old, am a resident of *Lobuckey* county of  
the Choctaw nation and am a member of the Choctaw nation. I am acquainted with  
the applicant, *John Bola* and have known him dur-  
ing the last past *8* years. I know his wife *Cornelia Bola*  
*nee Benton* and have known her for *8* years. I knew her father and  
mother and know them and her to be members, by blood, of the Choctaw Tribe of  
Indians and they are so recognized by other members of the said Tribe. Ever since  
the applicant married said *Cornelia Benton* he has been re-  
cognized as a member of the said Choctaw Tribe and his right has never been  
disputed.

Mrs. *Cornelia Bola* was before her marriage  
to the applicant a *Miss Cornelia Benton*, being the  
daughter of *Peter Benton* *her father*

The applicant is now a resident of the Choctaw nation.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *3rd* day of  
*Sept* 1896.

*C. J. Nelson*  
Notary Public for the Central District of the Indian Territory.

*copy*

**End**

Emily Ann Quaid

Emily Ann Quaid

Quaid Emily Ann

Quaid Benjamin

Quaid Hugh

Bennett America (nee Quaid)

Quaid Young H.

Enman Jemimah (nee Quaid)

Quaid Thomas



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B. W. L. L. L. L.  
affidavit

(A Copy)

Chickasaw Nation and Ter.

Third Judicial Division

J. Benjamin Walter Inaid on oath  
say that I am fifty (59) nine years  
of age, my post office is Pilot Point  
Texas; occupation a farmer. My  
mother's maiden name was Emily  
Ann Moore, her father's (my  
grand father's name was Silas  
Moore. I have often heard my  
grand father Silas Moore say  
that he was a Choctaw Indian  
I, myself registered at Caddo  
Ind. Ter. Two years ago. My  
grand father was an old man  
when he died, between 88 and 90  
years of age and he often told  
his children and grand children  
that he was a Choctaw Indian

B. W. Inaid

Subscribed & sworn to before  
me this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Aug  
A. D. 1896

R. F. French

Notary Public

My term of office expires Nov 16-1898

(a copy)

Sam Perry

Affidavit

(a copy)

Chickasaw Nation Ind. Terr.

Third Judicial Division

This day appeared before me  
a Notary Public, Sam Penny, to  
me personally well known  
and after being sworn by  
me deposes and says;  
I am Eighty (84) four years of  
age. My post office is Willey  
Ind. Terr. Chickasaw Nation. Further  
testifying, I knew Silas Moore  
in Miss. before I came to  
this Country in 1832 or 1833.  
Silas Moore was a Choctaw  
Indian by blood, I never knew  
him to be considered anything  
else than a Choctaw Indian.

Emily Moore (now  
Emily Duaid) is a daughter of  
Silas Moore, and she is an  
Indian (Choctaw) by blood.  
Sam + Penny  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1894  
R. F. French  
Notary Public

My term of office expires Nov. 16 - 1898



(Copy)

Emily Luid

Statement

Indian Territory  
Third Judicial Division

I, Emily Ann Inaid says on oath, I am seventy seven (77) yrs of age and live at Wiley Chickasaw Nation Ind. Ter. I am a claimant for Choctaw Citizenship, and I have six (6) children living, viz: 1<sup>st</sup> Benjamin Inaid 57 yrs old, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hugh Inaid 57 yrs old, 3<sup>rd</sup> America Inaid (now Bennett) 46 yrs old, 4<sup>th</sup> Young H. Inaid 44 yrs old, 5<sup>th</sup> Fernimah Inaid (now Edmund), 6<sup>th</sup> Thomas Inaid 37 yrs old. all of my children are Choctaw Indians by blood and as such are entitled to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation and all of the rights and privileges ~~of~~ thereto belonging. My father, Silas Moore, was a Choctaw Indian and left Miss. in the year 1846. and went to Tex. Silas Moore's mother, my grandmother, was a full blood Choctaw Indian. I was born in Alabama 77 years ago and

was married in Hinas County Miss.  
on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1837 to Thomas  
Inaid. (A copy of my marriage certifi-  
cate is filed herewith and made a  
part hereof marked "A") I have  
never made application to the Council  
of the Choctaw Nation for Citizenship  
because I am poor and have  
never had the required amount of  
money. I submit my proof to  
your Honorable body and ask  
that I be enrolled as a citizen  
of the Choctaw Nation Ind. Ter.  
with all of the rights and privi-  
leges thereto belonging.

All of the within statements  
are true

(Signed) Emily Ann <sup>her</sup> Inaid.  
Marshall

Sworn and subscribed to before  
me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1890

R. F. French  
Notary Public

My Commission expires Nov 10. 1898

(a copy)  
of

J. H. Insula  
Affidavit



(a Copy)

Chickasaw Nation and Ter  
Third Judicial Division  
This day came before me a  
Notary Public in and for the  
Third Judicial Division, Young N.  
Lund; and after being duly  
sworn by me deposes and  
says: I am 44 years of age;  
my postoffice is Reagan, I.T.  
Chickasaw Na. and Ter. occupation  
a farmer. My mother's maiden  
name was Emily Moore, she is  
now living. Her father's name  
was Silas Moore. I have always  
been told that my grand father,  
Silas Moore, was a Choctaw  
Indian by blood. I remember  
my grand father; well.  
My grand <sup>father's</sup> mother: my great  
grand mother was said to be  
a full blood Choctaw  
Indian

Y. N. Lund  
Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this the 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of Aug 1896 R. F. French  
Notary Public  
my term of office expires Nov 14 1898

(A copy)  
of

Lattie Felmores  
affidavit

My Commission expires Nov 10. 1898  
Mary Vassar

(a copy)

Chickasaw Nation and Her  
Third Judicial Division  
This day appeared before me  
the undersigned authority;  
Lottie Gilmore to me personally  
well known, and after  
being sworn by me, deposes  
and says through her interpreter,  
Mary Jane Melton, who was  
also sworn: I am an old  
woman, something near 80 or 85  
years of age, I am a full  
blood Chickasaw Indian, I  
left Miss. and came with  
my tribe to the Indian  
Nation. I knew Silas Moore  
in Miss. he was a Choctaw  
Indian by blood. I know  
Emily Ann (Moore) Lucid,  
she lives about 4 miles from  
where I live. she is a  
daughter of old Silas Moore,  
who I knew in Miss.) and  
also her, and from my  
knowledge of the family  
and the general appearance of  
the said Emily Ann Lucid, I  
believe she is a Choctaw Indian

by blood.

<sup>her</sup>  
Lottie + F. Melton  
Mary Jane + <sup>mark</sup> Melton  
<sup>mark</sup>

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1899  
J. F. French  
Notary Public  
My commission expires Nov 16. 1898

(a copy)  
of

Lottie F. Melton  
affidavit



Mrs Martha Scott  
and

Mrs H Pennington  
Affidavit

State of Tex.  
County of Denton.

Before me, the undersigned au-  
thority, on this day personally ap-  
peared Mrs Martha Scott and  
Mrs W. Pennington, who after  
being duly sworn by me says up-  
on Oath that Emily Ann Quaid  
and Bensaw Bright Moore are  
the children of Silas Moore and  
also that Jane Sharp is a grand-  
daughter of Silas Moore

Martha Scott.  
W. x Pennington  
Wm H

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Aug A.D. 96

R. M. Sneed.

Notary Public

I hereby certify that the above is  
a true copy of the affidavit of  
Mrs Martha Scott & Mrs W  
Pennington, as handed me by  
R. M. Sneed. Notary Public.  
Witness my hand and seal.  
this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept 1896

*O. F. French*  
*Notary Public*  
*My Commission expires Nov 10, 1898*

*Mrs Martha Scott*  
*and*

*Mrs O. Cunningham*  
*affidavit*

**End**



R. L. Rabon

R. L. Rabon

Before the Hon. U. S. Survey Commission  
for Civilized Tribes of Indians

In the Indian Territory

R. L. Rabon

O.S.

{ Affidavit  
for  
Enrollment

The Choctaw Nation respondents

To the Hon. Survey Commission sitting at  
Vinita Indian Territory

Comes now your Petitioner R. L. Rabon

and alleges and says: - that he is an  
Indian - married white Citizen of the Choctaw  
Nation and a resident thereof. That on the  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1896, in the County of  
Skullgrass Choctaw Nation Indian Territory.

Petitioner was legally and lawfully married  
to Cora Rosa Ross a Choctaw Indian woman  
with whom I am now living, and  
by blood, who is now duly enrolled on  
the Authenticated "Rolls" of the Choctaw  
Nation, and recognized by the authorities  
thereof. That the ceremony of said marriage  
was performed by Rev. C. L. Alexander  
a minister of the Gospel who is  
now living. That the evidence of the  
forgoing facts relied upon for  
Citizenship is hereto attached marked  
exhibit "A B" and made a part thereof.  
Wherefore Petitioner R. L. Rabon  
prays that he be enrolled a  
Citizen of the Choctaw Nation  
with all the rights privileges and  
immunities given practice and  
guaranteed to an Indian by  
Blood of said Choctaw Nation

R. L. Rabon (FRAME 1)

A copy of the foregoing together  
with that of the Affidavits here  
inclosed has this day been forward-  
ed by me to the Hon Survey Commis-  
sion of the United States at their  
respective Post-Office

R. L. Rabon

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1896

B. B. Woodward

Indian Public

To the Hon. Dawes Commission sitting at  
Vinita Indian Territory  
Comes now your Petitioner R. L. Raborn  
and alleges and says: - that he is an  
inter-mixed white citizen of the Choctaw  
Nation and a resident thereof. That on the  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1896, in the County of  
Skullgrass Choctaw Nation Indian Territory.  
Petitioner was legally and lawfully married  
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R. L. Raborn

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sion of the United States at their  
reputed Post-Office

R. L. Raborn

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1896  
B. B. Woodward  
Notary Public



To the Hon. Bureau Commissioner

Two Civilized Tribes of Indians

We the undersigned S. W. James

R. L. McCarly and John Taylor being of lawful  
ages and being duly sworn do hereby state  
that we are legal descendants of the Choctaw  
Tribe of Indians; that we are well  
acquainted with R. L. Ruben of  
Boscho Shulleville County Choctaw Nation  
that we know him the said R. L. Ruben  
to be an inter-married citizen of the  
Choctaw nation and that he is the person  
herewith applying to your Hon. body  
for enrollment as a member of the  
Choctaw Tribe of Indians, that we  
know the said R. L. Ruben to be a  
recognized and accepted legal citizen  
of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

S. W. James

R. L. McCarly

John Taylor

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896.

B. B. Woodward

Notary Public



**End**

J. W. Ragland

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Marriage Certificate

at the Residence of J. E. McKenney Tishamingo  
County Ind Ter. Chickasaw Nation I  
United J. W. Raglan a citizen of the United  
States and Mary Cordely Brown a citizen  
of the Chickasaw Nation in the Bonds of  
matrimony on the 24th day of Dec. A.D. 1893

Witness W. D. Daines minister of the gospel  
Mr and Mrs J. E. McKenney S. B. Snow  
and W. D. Marsh

R. B. Willis Certifies that on the 27th day  
of July A.D. 1893 he issued licenses  
and United J. W. Ragland and Mary Ragland  
in the Bonds of Matrimony J. W. Ragland  
being a citizen of the United States and  
Mary Ragland a citizen of the Chickasaw  
Nation has complied with the required laws  
of the Chickasaw Nation by paying the fee  
of \$50.00 of which the above is a  
Receipt of Both marriages

Statement as to my Enrollment  
is that at the time of enrollment in 1893  
I was not married in compliance with the  
laws of the Chickasaw Nation  
after the Registering was over I was then  
married to Mary Ragland according to the laws  
of the Chickasaw as the above Duplicate will  
show and after I was married before  
the Payment in Aug 1893 my wife  
was stricken from the roll and I had  
to make Proof of her citizenship

before the Chickasaw legislators or the  
legislative committee and they  
approved of her citizenship and  
Placed her name Back on the roll  
and they did not take any action as  
to my citizenship at the time is why  
my name have never been Placed on  
the roll J. W. Ragland

FRAME 1

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
a notary Public in and for the  
Southern District Chickasaw Nation  
Ind Ter.

for which I set my hand  
and seal this the 24 day of Aug  
A.D. 1896  
John T. West  
notary Public



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a notary Public in and for the  
Southern District Chickasaw Nation  
Ind Ter.

for which I set my hand  
and seal this the 24 day of Aug  
A.D. 1896

John F. West  
notary Public



**End**

2. w. Rains

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Application for Enrollment  
Before the United States Commission  
to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians  
J. W. Rains Petitioner

Chickasaw nation, Indian Territory Respectfully  
To the above mentioned Honorable  
Commission:-

Your petitioner J. W. Rains  
States that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
January 1886, he was duly and  
legally married to Catharine George  
who was a Chickasaw Indian  
by blood that she was and is  
recognized by the proper au-  
thorities as such, and enjoys  
all the rights, privileges, benefits  
and annuities of other Chicka-  
saw Indians by blood in  
said Chickasaw nation, or Tribe  
of Indians, and that the name of  
Mrs J. W. (Catharine) Rains appears  
or should appear upon the au-  
thenticated rolls of the said  
Chickasaw nation for the year  
1893.

That Catharine Rains (ne  
George) maiden name was  
~~xx~~ Catharine Perry, a daughter

of Morgan Perry a full blood  
Chickasaw.

That under the Constitution, laws,  
usages, and Customs of the <sup>said</sup> Chick-  
asaw Nation or Tribe of Indians  
and the laws of the United States  
and Treaties with said Indians  
your petitioner is entitled to  
be admitted and enrolled  
as a citizen and member of said Chick-  
asaw Tribe of Indians in the Indian  
Territory and entitled to all the rights  
benefits and privileges and immunities of  
other Chickasaw Indians.

Wherefore premises considered your petition-  
er prays that his name be enrolled  
and admitted to all the rights, benefits  
and privileges and immunities of  
Chickasaw Indians in and to the  
Chickasaw Nation or Tribe of Indians  
in the Indian Territory and your  
petitioner will ever pray.

Signed J. H. Raines

Indian Territory

Central Judicial District

Before me J. J. Vaughan a Notary  
Public for said Judicial District who  
personally appeared J. H.  
Raines who being by



me duly sworn on oath says that  
the facts set forth in said petition  
are true and correct according to  
his <sup>best</sup> knowledge and belief

Given under my hand and seal  
this 7th day of Sept. 1896

Signed J. J. Vaughan  
Notary Public

(Seal)

# AFFIDAVIT.

Indian Territory  
 Central Judicial District  
 BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this Seventh day of Sept 1896  
 personally appeared before me Henry Spears, who is a reliable and creditable  
 citizen of the Central Judicial District, Chotaw Nation, Indian Territory, and  
 after being by me duly sworn, according to law, depose and says that he is a resident of the Central Judicial  
 District, Chotaw Nation, Indian Territory, that his age is 55 years and his  
 occupation that of a Hotel & Livery Keeper, that he was well and personally acquainted with  
Mr J. M. Rains (a Catharine Perry) in the Chickasaw Nation, Daughter  
Morgan Perry and that the said Mr J. M. Rains was a  
Chickasaw Indian by blood, and so recognized by said Chickasaw

Affiant makes this his sworn statement from his own personal knowledge and acquaintance with the  
 aforesaid J. M. Rains family of Morgan Perry, and affiant further  
 states that he is not directly nor indirectly interested in the prosecution of the claim of the heirs of said  
J. M. Rains, deceased, for citizenship in the Chickasaw Nation  
 Indian Territory. signed Henry Spears

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME,  
this 7th day of Sept 1896  
J. J. Vaughan  
Notary Public

Printed at the Express office, Chickasha.

POOR ORIGINAL -  
 BEST AVAILABLE COPY

**End**

G. A. Ramsey

G. A. Ramsey





my wife, and the papers and records  
therein, and up to the time  
of my marriage to Amanda Potts  
in May 1893. My wife, Emily, is  
now living apart from me, and  
at times in the pursuit of my  
business as a live stock dealer  
and at the time of my marriage  
with Amanda Potts who is a citizen  
of the State of Texas, and has since the  
formation of the said District  
in 1893 and has since then  
been a resident in and attached  
to this jurisdiction and has been  
admitted and well known to  
the officials of the  
Mayes County Texas, who will show to  
your Hon. Court that at the time of my  
marriage with Amanda Potts, that I resided  
in the Chickasaw Nation, but an actual  
resident of Mayes County Texas.

Therefore I could not have complied with  
the requirements of the marriage laws  
of the Chickasaw Nation in Chickasaw  
Territory, because an act requiring  
all non-citizens to remain in the  
Chickasaw Nation for a term of  
two years before the same become  
eligible to marry a citizen of  
this Territory.

Further you will see by  
my testimony that I was an actual  
resident of the State of Texas and  
was my wife and was also my  
wife at that time.

And further show to your Honors  
that I am lawfully married to  
Amanda Potts by the laws of the  
State of Texas and records of  
same in County Clerk of Mayes  
County Texas.

And further relevant to  
your Hon. Court since my marriage  
to Amanda Potts that I have been  
recognized and enjoyed all the rights  
of this Territorial citizen except  
at the time of the said District  
Court in 1893 when the  
Laws of Citizens of Chickasaw Nation  
for Payment of said said District  
Money 1893 they refused to enroll  
me as an citizen or pay me my  
Pro rata of said money.

FRAME 2

Now for the reasons herein  
stated, and, testifies herewith  
I request <sup>you</sup> to enroll  
me, with the Citizens of the  
Sachum Nation, for which  
I will in duty bound to pay  
C. B. Kinsley

do hereby certify, this is a  
true and correct copy of the  
petition which will be on file  
with the Texas Commission at  
Austin and Tex

J. M. Franklin



1 100, 2 Copy of original

State of Texas  
County of Grayson

Marriage License

To any Judge of the District Court,  
Judge of the County Court  
Minister, Rabbi, or Justice of the Peace  
of Grayson County, Texas:

You are authorized to

celebrate the

rites of Matrimony  
between G. A. Ramsey  
and Amanda Potts  
and make due return to the Clerk of  
said Court within sixty days after the  
completion of said rite under this  
license.

Witness my official signature and seal  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1891

[L.S.]

E. P. Hagg certify that on the  
24<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1891

I united in Marriage

G. A. Ramsey and Amanda Potts  
the Parties above named

Witness my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Dec  
1891

E. P. Hagg Judge County Court  
Grayson County Texas

State of Texas  
County of Grayson

FRAME 1

J. H. Hudson Clerk of County Court  
of Grayson County Texas, do hereby certify  
that the foregoing is a true and correct copy  
of the original Marriage License on record in  
my office in Book "K" Page 189 of Record of  
Marriage License &c. for Grayson County  
Texas and the original is now on  
file in said office.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of said  
Court at office in Sherman this 3<sup>rd</sup>  
day of September 1894

[L.S.]

J. H. Hudson Clerk



When are authorized to  
celebrate the  
Return of Matrimony  
and Amanda Potts  
and make due return to the Court  
and Court within fifty days after  
certifying your action under this  
license  
Witness my official signature and seal  
this 24th day of Dec 1891  
L. W. Hudson Clerk  
(L S)

E. P. Bugg certify that on the  
24th day of Dec 1891  
I united in Marriage  
G. A. Ramsey and Amanda Potts  
the parties above named  
Witness my hand this 24th day of Dec  
1891  
E. P. Bugg Notary Public Court  
Haverhill Mass

State of Mass  
County of Franklin  
L. W. Hudson Clerk of Court do hereby certify  
that the foregoing is a true and correct copy  
of the original Marriage License on record in  
my office - in Book "K" page 187 of Record of  
Marriage Licenses &c. for the County of  
Franklin and the original is now on  
file in said office  
Witness my hand and seal of said  
Court at office in Haverhill this 3rd  
day of December 1891  
L. W. Hudson Clerk  
(L S)

I hereby certify that this is a true  
and correct copy of the original  
which will be on file with the  
County Clerk's office in Haverhill  
Mass  
Witness my hand and seal of said  
Court this 4th day of Dec 1891  
L. W. Hudson Clerk  
(L S)

Cappie

J. J. Patts

States I am 48 years  
old and I am a Citizen of the  
Chickasaw Nation and a Resident  
of Penola County and have been  
for 48 years. I am personally acquaint-  
ed with G. F. Ramsey who is now a  
Citizen of the Chickasaw Nation  
and have known him for a  
number of years. And at the  
time of this Marriage with  
my Daughter Amanda Patts  
that he was not a Resident of  
the Chickasaw Nation and my  
Daughter Amanda was attend-  
ing School at Sherman in  
Grayson County Texas.

Signed.

J. J. Patts

Subscribed and sworn to  
before this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept-  
ember 1896

L. P. Beaver

Notary Public

I hereby Certify that this is a true  
and correct copy of the original which  
will be filed with the Deeds Commission  
This Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1896

J. M. Franklin

Recorded in the Deeds Commission  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept 1896

1896  
J. M. Franklin

Copy

Colbert Gnd Gen  
J. B. Patts States I am 40 years  
old and I am a Citizen of the  
Chickasaw Nation and a resident  
of Marshall County Chickasaw Nation  
and have been for 40 years I am  
personally acquainted with G. A. [unclear]  
and have known him for 18 or 19  
years. and at the time of his  
marriage with my ~~daughter~~  
Amanda Patts that he was not  
a resident of the Chickasaw Nation  
and that his wife Amanda was  
in my charge and at that time  
was in school at Sherman  
Marshall County Texas

Signed J. B. Patts  
Sworn to and subscribed to  
before me this the 2nd day of  
September 1896

I hereby Certify } J. D. Seaver  
Notary Public  
That this is a true and correct copy  
of the original which will be on  
file in the office of the Land  
Commission at Vinita and  
Tex - This Seph the 2nd 1896  
J. M. Franklin

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 2nd day of September 1896

J. M. Franklin



The State of Texas } Personaley  
County of Grayson } Appeared  
before me the undersigned  
authority J. C. Writcher who upon  
his oath says I am acquainted  
with G. A. Ramsey now a resident  
of Collier V. T. have known him  
for years he lived in this County  
from boy hood and his business  
was a farmer and stock dealer  
and was an active resident of  
Grayson County Texas at the time  
of his marriage to Amanda  
Patts and made his home here  
after his marriage for a short  
time and the affiant further  
states that he has no personal  
interest in the matter.

J. C. Writcher

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 1st day of September  
1896.

W. D. Dugan

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Notary Public

in and for Grayson Co Texas  
I do hereby certify that the above is  
a true and correct copy of the  
original which will be on file  
in the office of the Daves Commission

J. M. Franklin



The State of Texas, Personalley  
County of Grayson } Appeared  
before the undersigned Authority  
Dr. R. D. King who upon his  
Oath Says I am acquainted  
with A. Ramon who a resident  
of Collier Ind Tex, known  
him previous to his marriage  
he was a resident and Citizen  
of this County at the time of his  
marriage to Amanda Pate  
and that he made his home  
there after his marriage  
for a short time and the  
affiant further states that  
he has no personal interest in  
this matter R. D. King M.D.  
Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this the 14th day of Sept  
-ember 1886

I

W. D. Dugan  
Notary Public

For and for Grayson County Texas  
I do hereby Certify that this is a true  
and correct copy of the original which  
was before me with the Daves.

This Sept 2nd 1886

J. M. Franklin

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**End**

Bettie Randall  
#1157

Bettie Randall

U. S. A.  
Choctaw Nation  
I. D.

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Dawes Commission

In Re  
Bettie Randal  
Application for  
Citizenship



United States of America  
Choctaw Nation  
Indian Territory  
In Re  
Application for citizenship  
by Bettie Randal.  
To the honorable  
Henry L. Dawes,  
Frank C. Armstrong,  
A. S. McKennon,  
J. B. Cubbin, and  
A. B. Montgomery,  
Commissioners.

The Application of Bettie  
Randal for citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation,  
Indian Territory states

1<sup>st</sup> That she is a citizen of  
the United States of the  
age of fifty two years.  
2<sup>nd</sup> That she is the <sup>legitimate</sup> daughter  
of Johnson Minshatubbe, a  
full blood Choctaw.

3<sup>rd</sup> That she is sensible to  
state of her own knowledge  
that her father and mother  
were legally married, by  
his information and reputation

She is quite sure that they were. She knows of her own knowledge that from her earliest recollection up to the time of their separation by death they lived together as husband and wife, and were so regarded and respected in the community in which they lived.

4<sup>th</sup> The the applicant Bettie Randal is a half blood Choctaw, deriving her blood as a Choctaw from her father John Miashtubbe, who was a full blood Choctaw Indian.

5<sup>th</sup> That her said father Johnson Miashtubbe, died in the year A.D. 1885 or thereabouts.

6<sup>th</sup> That Applicant's Post Office is Chapel Hill, Ark.

Wherefore Bettie Randal prays that she may she be granted the right

of Citizenship, in the  
Cherokee Nation I.D. as  
applied for; and that her  
name may be placed on  
the "Roll of Citizens of said  
Nation 4th Sept 1896.

Bettie Randal  
Personally comes before me.  
Bettie Randal and on oath  
says that the statements  
contained in the foregoing  
application are true.

Bettie Randal  
Sworn to & Subscribed for me  
4th Sept 1896

Jamest Smith NP

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Efford Jan 21-1900.

U.S.A.  
Cheektan Station  
Indian Territory

Dece Commission

In Re  
Bettie Randal

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Affidavit of
James Wall.
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The State of Arkansas  
County of Sevier

Judge

Application of Bettie  
Randal for Citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation I.T.

Personally come &  
before me James Webb  
who on oath says, that  
he was acquainted with  
Johnson Miasshokshke, who  
was a full blood Choctaw  
Indian.

That he is acquainted  
with Bettie Randal and  
James Johnson, and knows  
them to be the legitimate  
children of Johnson Mias-  
shokshke.

He knows that ~~Johnson~~  
~~Miasshokshke~~ that they are  
half blood Choctaw Indian.  
Webb says he knows that  
Johnson Miasshokshke and  
the mother of Bettie Randal  
and James Johnson - were  
husband and wife and  
lived together as such  
until separated by death.

Offiant is sixty years of age.

U.S. Army Station  
Chaco Indian Territory

Deed Commission

In Re  
Betty Randall

Affidavit of  
James Wall

and resides near Eagletown  
J. H. James Wall  
Seam to & subscribed before  
me this the first day of Seph  
A.D. 1896.

J. W. H. Jones N. P.

U.S.A.  
Choctaw Nation  
Indian Territory  
James Curvis

See Re  
Betty Randal  
Application for  
Citizenship  
Affidavit of  
J. S. White  
To be used also in  
support of applications  
of Hardy Palk and  
Joseph C. Hammond

United States of America  
Choctaw Nation  
Indian Territory  
In Re

Application of Bettie Randal  
for Citizenship in Choctaw Nation

Personally came before me  
Wm S. White, who on oath  
says that he was acquainted  
with <sup>Johnson</sup> Miashtatubbe, He knows  
that he was a full blood  
Choctaw Indian. He knows  
that said Johnson Miashtatubbe  
and the mother of Bettie Randal  
lived together as husband and wife  
until his death, and were  
so regarded by the Commu-  
nity. He knows that Bettie  
Randal is the daughter of  
Johnson Miashtatubbe - and  
that she is the mother of  
Hardy Pelt. and Josephine  
Commons. I am forty six years old  
and P.M. at Chapel Hill Ark. Wm S. White  
Sworn to & Subscribed before  
me 4 Sept 1896 James A. Smith M.D.

My Com Exp Jan 21 1900



**End**

Charles M. Randall

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Court no 20

Charles M. Randall

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Randall, Charles M.,  
Randall, Lottie E.,  
Randall, Grover

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

A. Charles Es. Randall  
 & John C. Randall  
 Grover Randall  
 William W. Randall

W. B. Randall

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E. W. Newton  
G.D.

Seoul



Chas. M. Randall  
Petition  
for  
Enrollment.

Affidavit of Thomas J. Harris.

I am 34 years old of age, have known C. M. Randall for  
about 17 years and he lived with Rachel McKinley, who was relation  
of mine up to her death which occurred in 1880 they had born to them  
the following children Lottie E. and George Randall.

Thomas J. Harris.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of September, 1890.

T. J. Chamiss

Notary Public.

C. W. Randall





**End**

Dick Rondolph

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Dick Randolph

Randolph, Dick, —  
Randolph, Myrtie,  
Randolph, Minnie,  
Randolph, De Cosa,  
Randolph, Herman,  
Randolph, Hughie O.,  
Wheat, William, —  
Wheat, Myrtie,  
Wheat, Jesse,  
Thompson, DeCoda,  
Thompson, Ellen,  
Thompson, Waldemar,  
Thompson, May, —  
Thompson, Dollie,  
Thompson, William

(copy)

No. \_\_\_\_\_

In Parte Dick Randolph  
Myrtie Randolph, Minnie Ran-  
dolph, Delosa Randolph, Herman  
Randolph and Hughie C. Randolph  
and  
William Wheat, Jesse Wheat and  
Myrtie Wheat,  
and  
Delosa Thompson, Ellen Thompson,  
Waldemar Thompson, May Thompson,  
Dollie Thompson, and William  
Thompson, heirs and descendants  
of Miles Thompson.

Petition for Enrolment as Cit-  
izens of the Choctaw Nation.

before the Commission to the  
Five Civilized Tribes.

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1936

Filed by Remis & Patchell

Pauls Valley, Ind. Ter.



United States of America,

Indian Territory.

Before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

W. H. Dick Randolph et al.,

Petitioners for enrolment as citizens of  
the Choctaw Nation.

I N D E X

and

R E C E I P T.

1. *Petition*
2. *"*
3. *"*
4. *"*
5. *Marriage Record of Ellen Jackson & Giles Thompson*
6. *Childs of J. M. Thompson*
7. *Marriage Record of Dick Randolph*
8. *Childs of J. M. Mayhew and*
9. *W. H. Folsom*
10. *"*

We, \_\_\_\_\_, Attorneys for the Choctaw Nation in the matter of applications for enrolment as citizens of said Nation by the Commission of the United States to the Five Civilized Tribes, hereby acknowledge having received a true copy of the within application and exhibits.

This the      day of      1896.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Atty's for the Choctaw Nation

United States of America,  
Indian Territory.

To the Hon. Henry L. Dawes et al., Commissioners of the United States to the Five Civilized Tribes, Vinita, Ind. Ter.

Ex Leticia, Dick Randolph, Yertie Randolph,  
Minnie Randolph, De Cosa Randolph,  
Helen Randolph and Hughie C. Randolph,  
and  
William Wheat, Yertie Wheat and Jesse  
Wheat and  
DeCosa Thompson, Ellen Thompson  
and  
Walter Thompson, Max Thompson  
Dollie Thompson  
and  
William Thompson.

A P P L I C A T I O N

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## ENROLMENT AS

IC  
ICHOGTAW CITIZENS

Your petitioners above named respectfully state and herein undertake to show that they are citizens and members of the Choctaw Nation of Indians by birth and adoption, and are entitled as such to have their names placed on the rolls of said Nation, and in support of said claim they allege:-

That the said Lyrtie Pandolph, Delosa Thompson, Waldemar Thompson, William Thompson, and Minnie Wheat nee Thompson, now deceased, but the mother of petitioners, Jesse Wheat and Lyrtie Wheat, were all children of Giles Thompson and his wife Ellen Thompson, now Ellen Wall wife of Samuel Wall of Wallville Chickasaw Nation Ind. Ter. And that said Giles Thompson was a white man who became a member of the Choctaw Nation by adoption and intermarriage long prior to the removal of the Choctaw tribe from the State of Mississippi to the Indian Territory. That said Giles Thompson first married Sallie Wall a daughter of Noah Wall and Wall nee Folson, in the year 1824 and while the said tribe of Indians resided in Mississippi. That said Folson was a Choctaw indian by blood. That said Giles Thompson came to the Choctaw Nation with the Choctaw tribe in the year 1832 and thereafter continued to reside in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations until his death in 1877 and during all which time his rights as a Choctaw citizen never were disputed or questioned by the authorities or members of either of said Nations. That after the death of said Sallie Wall nee Thompson, said Giles

C.  
married Charlotte Wall a full sister of said Sallie. This marriage was celebrated in the Choctaw Nation according to the marriage customs then prevailing in said Nation and occurred about the year 1834. That said Giles and Charlotte lived together as husband and wife until the latter's death in 1862.

That on the 23rd day of June 1862 said Giles Thompson united in marriage with Ellen Wall a white woman at the residence of Judge Lorin Folsom in Blue County Choctaw Nation, the said Folsom being then County Judge of said county and ordered the marriage ceremony, and a certified copy of the certificate made of said marriage by said Folsom is hereto attached, the same having been made from the records of the Choctaw Nation in said Blue County.

That after the date of said marriage the said Giles and Ellen Thompson continued to reside in said Choctaw Nation at Boggy Depot until about the year 1870 when they removed to the Chickasaw Nation at the present site of the village of Wallville, where said Giles continued to reside until his death in 1877; and where said Ellen still resides as the present wife of Samuel Wall.

That all your petitioners excepting Dick Pandolph, William Wheat and Jay Thompson are either the children or grand-children of said Giles and Ellen Thompson.

That the rights of the children of said Giles and Ellen Thompson have never been questioned or disputed by the members or authorities of the Choctaw Nation but that they have always been accorded all the rights and privileges of citizenship in said Nation; they have attended the National schools in said Nation and have shared in the school fund of said Nation, and have always and are now recognized as possessing citizenship rights in said Nation by the principal authorities of said Nation who are acquainted with their personal history.

3.

That your petitioner Dick Randolph was married to said Myrtie Randolph, nee Thompson on the 27th day of Jan. 1900 at Whitehead, Chickasaw Nation, T. Ter. and that said marriage was contracted and celebrated in all respects fully in accordance with the laws of the Chickasaw Nation respecting the marriage of a citizen of said Nation with a non-citizen, the said Dick Randolph being a white man. That a license for said marriage was produced from the Judge of Pickens County, and a certified copy of the marriage record of said marriage taken from the office of the Clerk of Pickens County is hereto attached, marked exhibit one. That said marriage to the said Dick Randolph has continued to reside in the Chickasaw Nation and has exercised all the rights and privileges in the same accorded to intermarried citizens thereof. That he now resides at Whitehead in said Nation and occupies a large and well improved farm and has occupied the same for several years past without dispute or objection by the Chickasaw tribal authorities.

That said Minnie Randolph, Delosa Randolph, Herman Randolph, and Hughie G. Randolph are the children of said Dick Randolph and Myrtie Randolph.

That your petitioner William Wheat was married to Minnie Thompson nee Reese, but a daughter of said Cile and Ellen Thompson, on the 27th day of Aug. 1904 at Whitehead Chickasaw Nation, and said marriage was contracted and celebrated wholly in accordance with the laws of the Chickasaw Nation in regard to a citizen of said Nation marrying a non-citizen, a certified copy of the marriage certificate and record of said marriage is hereto attached, marked exhibit two.

That since said marriage said William Wheat resided in the Chickasaw Nation and exercised all the rights and privileges accorded in said Nation to intermarried citizens thereof until the 1st day of when he moved to Blackfoot Idaho for the benefit of his health, and where now he and his two children, Jesse and Myrtie Wheat, your petitioners now



4th,

reside but who at an early date intend to return to the Chickasaw Nation.

That said May Thompson is the lawful wife of Waldemar Thompson and to whom she was united in marriage on the day of May 1895 in Lexington Oklahoma Territory, and with whom she has continued to reside in the Chickasaw Nation at Wallville ever since said marriage. That said Nellie Thompson is the child of said Waldemar and May Thompson.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that their names be placed by your honorable Commission upon the rolls of Choctaw citizens which the Act of Congress has authorized you to prepare.

Respectfully submitted by

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Atty's for Petitioners.

I Dick Randolph one of the petitioners in the foregoing application state that I have read over the above and foregoing application and all the facts alleged therein are true as I verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Aug 1896

I Ellen Wall do solemnly swear that I have read over the foregoing application and that I have personal knowledge of nearly all the material facts alleged therein, that I am the Ellen Wall who was formerly the wife of Giles Thompson mentioned in said application, that the marriages of said Dick Randolph, William Wheat, and May Thompson occurred at the dates and in the manner alleged therein, that all the persons mentioned as petitioners therein are still alive and reside at the places respectively stated, and that all the facts therein alleged coming within my personal knowledge and experience I know to be true and all other facts alleged therein I verily believe to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1896

Samuel Perine  
Notary Public.

E X H I B I T \_\_\_\_\_

United States of America,  
Indian Territory.

Before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Ex Parte Dick Randolph et al

Y Record of the Marriage of Giles Thomp-  
Y son and Ellen Jackson, from the office  
Y F.E.Folsom County Clerk Blue Co. Choctaw  
Y Nation.

We the undersigned do hereby testify that Rev. Caldwell did join  
Giles Thompson and Ellen Jackson in the holy bonds of matrimony on the  
23rd. day of June A.D. 1863, in Blue Co. C.N.

Given under our hands this the 17th day of March 1871.

(signed) Melvin P. Folsom

M.M. Campbell.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th. day of March 1871

(signed) L.S.W. Folsom,

Judge of the 3rd. Judicial District Choctaw Nation.  
Recorded by N. Leachnaught.

This is to certify that the above copy is a true and correct  
copy of the records in my office in Volume A. Page 11.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 20th. day of  
August A.D. 1896.

(signed) F.E. Folsom  
Clerk of Blue Co. C.N.

I O.W. Patchell do solemnly swear that the above is a true copy  
of the original which will be filed with the copy of the petition in  
the above stated proceeding before the Commission to the Five Civilized  
Tribes.

*O.W. Patchell*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of Aug. 1896.

Notary Public.

EXHIBIT \_\_\_\_\_

United States of America,  
Indian Territory.

Before the Commission to the Five Tribes.

Dick Randolph et al v

Affidavit of William Thompson.

I William Thompson do solemnly swear that I am one of the applicants mentioned in the petition in the above stated matter, and that I am a son of Giles Thompson and Ellenn Thompson, now Mrs. Samuel Wall of Wallville Chickasaw Nation, and that I was born of the 14th day of July 1878 at Wallville, Chickasaw Nation, and that since my birth I have continuously resided in the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations to the present time and have always exercised all the rights of citizenship in the same.

That during the school year of 1892--3 I attended the National School of the Choctaw Nation at Atoka, and was enrolled in said School as a Choctaw citizen and was permitted to attend the same free of tuition, and in no way have my rights as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation ever been questioned or disputed by the authorities or people of said Nation.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of Aug. 1898.

Claude Weaver  
Notary Public.

EXHIBIT

Before the Commission to the Five Tribes, in the matter of Claim of Myrtie Randolph to Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Samuel Maytubbe being duly sworn says on oath that he is a resident of Blue County Choctaw Nation, that his age is 74 years and I am personally acquainted with Myrtie Randolph who is a daughter of Giles Thompson, now deceased. The Claimant in this action is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation. (signed)

S.W. Maytubbe.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 21st day of Aug. 1908.

(signed) F.E. Folsom, Clerk of Blue Co.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 21st day of Aug. 1908.

(signed) F.E. Folsom, Clerk of Blue Co. CN

EXHIBIT

Before the Commission to the Five Tribes, and in the matter of Claim of Myrtie Randolph et al to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Affidavit of L.S.W. Folsom, who being duly sworn says on oath that he is a resident of Blue County Choctaw Nation, that his age is 74 years, and I am personally acquainted with Myrtie Randolph who is a daughter of Giles Thompson, now deceased. The claimant is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

(signed) L.S.W. Folsom.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 21st day of Aug. 1908.

(signed) F.E. Folsom

Clerk of Blue Co. Choctaw Nation.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 21st day of Aug. 1908

(signed) F.E. Folsom.

Clerk Blue Co. Choctaw Nation.

I O.W. Patchell one of the attorney for the petitioners do solemnly swear that the foregoing are true copies of the original affidavits made by S.W. Maytubbe and L.S.W. Folsom respectively, said original affidavits being attached to the copy of applicants petition filed with the Commission to the Five Tribes.

O.W. Patchell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of Aug. 1908.



OFFICE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
O. W. Patchell,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
LAWYER

Pauls Valley, I. T.

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1897

Dear Mr. Hunt, saidon V. Hailey,  
Geo. W. Calaster, Jr.,

Dear Sir: Will you please do me the  
favor of sending me a copy attested  
by you of the Dick Randolph  
et al vs Phoenix Motion, petition  
served on you. The copy filed  
with the Dames & Moore, as well as  
my office copy has accidentally  
become misplaced or lost.

Please inform me of the expense  
of making said copy and I will  
remit. Hoping to receive same  
at an early date. I remain

Yours truly,

In the United States Court  
at Muskogee, Southern District  
Indian Territory.

Dick Randolph  
et al, Plaintiffs }  
vs }  
Choctaw Nation }  
Defendants }

To Messrs. Stuart Gordon & Bailey  
Attorneys for the Choctaw Nation,

You are hereby notified that  
the plaintiffs Dick Randolph and  
others in the above stated matter have  
this day filed in the Clerk's Office of  
the United States Court at Muskogee  
their petition for appeal from the de-  
cision of the Commission of the United  
States to the Five Civilized Tribes  
tribe rendered in the above stated  
matter. This 27th day of Jan. 1897,

C. W. Feltwell  
Attorney Dick Randolph et al

We hereby accept service of the above  
notice this day of 1897

Attorney for the Choctaw Nation

**End**

Henry B. Rawley

# 446

Court no. 26

Henry B. Rawley



BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of  
Henry B. Rawley, Applicant for  
enrollment as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

ON THIS the 24 day of August 1896, personally appeared  
before me the undersigned authority, Henry P. Ward who,  
having been by me first duly sworn according to law states on his oath as follows  
to-wit:

"I am 40 years old, am a resident of Alaha county of  
the Choctaw nation and am a member of the Choctaw nation. I am acquainted with  
the applicant, Henry B. Rawley and have known him dur-  
ing the last past 12 years. I know his wife Cynthia M. Rawley,  
husband and have known her for seven years. I knew her father and  
mother and know ~~them~~ <sup>her mother and her</sup> to be members, by blood, of the Choctaw Tribe of  
Indians and they are so recognized by other members of the said Tribe. Ever since  
the applicant married said Mrs Cynthia M. Ward he has been re-  
cognized as a member of the said Choctaw Tribe and his right has never been  
disputed.

Mrs. Cynthia M. Rawley was before her marriage  
to the applicant a Mrs Cynthia M. Ward, being the  
daughter of Joseph Ward and Mrs Elizabeth  
Ward nee Thompson

The applicant is now a resident of the Choctaw nation.

J. P. Ward

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 24 day of  
Sept 1896.

A. C. Blackwood  
Notary Public for the Central District of the Indian Territory.

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BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

Henry B. Rawley, Applicant for enrollment as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

YOUR APPLICANT, Henry B. Rawley, respectfully represents to this Honorable Commission that he is a regularly recognized member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians of the Indian Territory and is a bona fide resident of the Choctaw Nation and is entitled to be placed upon the rolls being prepared by this Honorable Commission, as a member of said Choctaw Tribe or Nation, for the following reasons to-wit:

1st. There is no correct and perfect roll of the members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and no law or authority for the Choctaw Nation to make such rolls.

2nd Your applicant was on the 8th day of March 1884 A citizen of the United States and a white man and resident of the Choctaw Nation and was on said date legally and in compliance with the laws of the Choctaw Nation married to Mrs. Garrison M. Ward nee \_\_\_\_\_ who was then and is now a regularly recognized member by blood of the said Choctaw Tribe of Indians, a copy of the marriage license and the certificate of marriage is hereto attached and marked exhibits "A" and "B" and made a part hereof.

3rd. By virtue of said marriage your applicant became a member of the said tribe of Indians and has ever since been so recognized by the other members of the said nation and his membership has never been denied or forfeited.

Your applicant files herewith the affidavit of Henry B. Ward As additional proof of the membership of his wife Mrs. Garrison M. Rawley, nee Garrison Ward And asks that his name be placed upon the roll as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 24th day of Sept 1896.

A. C. Blackwood  
Notary Public for the Central District of the Indian Territory.

(Seal)

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Marriage License.

Choctaw Nation, SS.  
Atoka County.

To any person authorized by law to solemnize marriages- Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to solemnize the rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. Henry B. Rowley, of Atoka, in the Choctaw, a citizen of the United States and Miss Marina M. Ward, of Limestone Gap, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation in the Ind. Terr. according to law, and do you officially sign and return this license to the parties therein named.

Witness my hand and official seal this 7th day of March  
A. D. 1884.

Don J. Folsom,  
Clark of the County Court.

appreciated to  
Henry O. Raulley

Raulley  
ally



Exhibit "A"

This certifies that the rite of HOLY MATRIMONY was celebrated between Henry B. Rowley of Sturgis Michigan and Ozerina M. Ward of Limestone Gap I.T. on March 8th 1884, at Limestone Gap I.T., by James G. Bryar, Minister

Witness

Mrs. E. T. Bell.

**End**

Earl U. Ragan

#471

Earl U. Ragan

Before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

In re application of E.V.Reagan et als.

Your petitioner, *EV. E.V.Reagan*, a white man and citizen of the United States, alleges: That on the 14 th day of December 1881 he was, in full compliance with the laws of the state of Texas and by virtue of a proper marriage license, a certified copy of which being hereto attached as "exhibit A" and made part of this petition, married in said State to Miss Mary G.Plummer aged 19 years of age; that at that time both of the aforesaid parties were residents of the said state of Texas; that in the year 1883 J.R.Plummer, the father of the said wife of petitioner was admitted by an act of its General Council to the rights and privileges of citizens by blood, he claiming to be a Choctaw by blood and so applied to the Choctaw Council for said admission on said grounds; that the aforesaid marriage of petitioner and Mary G.Plummer was prior to the act of said Choctaw Council admitting his wife's said father to said Choctaw citizenship by blood; that in the year 1895 on November 8 th the said Mary G.Reagan, nee Plummer, with other children and grand children of the said J.R.Plummer were by an Act of the Choctaw Council admitted to all rights and privileges of Choctaw citizens by blood, said right before that time being disputed by some Choctaws, and thus beyond any peradventure validated the claims of the children of the said J.R.Plummer; a certified and properly authenticated copy of said admitting Act of said Choctaw Council is hereto attached as "exhibit A" and made a part of this petition; that petitioner and his said wife have for five years lived in said Choctaw country as husband and wife; that she as aforesaid is a recognized Choctaw citizen by blood; that since said Council Act of Nov. 8 th 1895 petitioner has been regarded, treated, and considered by the Choctaw authorities as a citizen by marriage.

Petitioner represents that as *supra* he married his said wife before her said father's Choctaw citizenship by blood was admitted and recognized by the Choctaw authorities, and that had he been married even in the Choctaw country he could not with safety and assure married according to the Choctaw inter-marriage law; for he could not know with any certainty what the Choctaw Councils would do in regard to recognizing their said citizenship; that afterwards the said ~~J.R.Plummer~~ J.R.Plummer was admitted and recognized by said act, and afterward his said children, including petitioners wife, were admitted and recognized as aforesaid.

Wherefore, the premises considered, according to articles 26 and 38 of the Treaty of 1866, petitioner, Earl V.Reagan, prays that he be enrolled as a Choctaw citizen by marriage.

*Earl V. Reagan*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 rd day of September 1896.

*E. S. Pate*

Notary Public.



Indian Territory, General Judicial District.

Before me, G.A. Felt, a Notary Public in and for said district A. Telle, a Choctaw attorney at law, a registered Choctaw by blood, and of lawful age, says on oath that the herewith petitioner Earl V. Feagan is a white man and citizen of the United States; that his said wife Mary C. Plummer Feagan enjoys all rights and privileges of a Choctaw recognized citizen by blood; that said Earl V. Feagan is entitled to enrolled as a Choctaw citizen by "blood" marriage; that the affiant has read the said said petition and the facts therein stated are true and correct as stated.

A. Telle

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of September 1898.

Notary Public.

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The State of Texas Karnes County  
To any Judge of the County or District  
Court, Ordained Minister of the  
Gospel, or Justice of the Peace in and  
for said County of Karnes - Granting  
- You are hereby Authorized to  
Solemnize the Rites of Matrimony  
between Mr. Earl J. Reagan and  
Miss Mary G. Plummer and  
make due return to the clerk of  
the County Court of said County,  
within sixty days thereafter,  
certifying your action under the  
license. Witness my official signature  
and seal of office in Helena this the  
14th. day of December A.D. 1881.

By A. D. Evans Deput. J. H. Brown  
Clerk of County Court of Karnes Co.  
I, E. V. Seale, hereby certify, that on the  
14th. day of December A.D. 1881 I united  
in marriage Earl J. Reagan and  
Mary G. Plummer. the Parties  
above named Witness my hand this  
14th. day of Dec. A.D. 1881. E. V. Seale  
Ordained Minister of the Gospel  
Filed for record this the 19th day of  
Dec. A.D. 1881 at 3 o'clock, 3d minute  
J. H. Brown County Clerk.

The State of Texas Karnes County. J. A. Mahy  
Clerk of the County Court of Karnes County  
Texas do hereby certify that the above and  
forgoing is a true copy as the same appears  
in the marriage record Book No. 2. Page No. 76.  
Witness my hand and seal of office at Karnes City  
this 24. day of August. 1894

By T. J. Coff. Deputy

A. Maly Co Clerk

Seal



1 And not admitting the Plummers  
2 to citizenship  
3 Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General  
4 Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled  
5 That Walter  
6 Plummer and his children to wit:  
7 Stella Plummer Thomas A. Plummer  
8 Nettie W. Plummer Archie F. Plummer  
9 Ussellie S. Reager and her children  
10 Stella Reager Thomas Brown Reager  
11 Frank E. Plummer Raymond S.  
12 Plummer and his children Joe  
13 R. Plummer Nannie G. Rabb  
14 Charles W. Plummer J. E. Plummer  
15 also his orphan grand-children  
16 L. Butler Stella S. Butler and  
17 Isaac Butler be admitted to all  
18 the rights of citizenship now enjoyed  
19 by Choctaws and that this act  
20 take effect and be in force from  
21 its passage

22 Approved Nov. 8th. 1895  
23 Jeff Gardner  
24 J. C. C. N.

25 This is to certify that the  
26 is a true and correct copy from  
27 the original act of the General  
28 Council of the Choctaw Nation  
29 now on file in my office.

30 Witness my hand  
31 and the Great Seal of the Choctaw  
32 Nation this the 9th day of November

33 A. D. 1895

(SEAL)

34 J. D. Jackson  
35 National Sec-  
36 Choctaw Nation



E. W. Ryan

23

Choctaw Nation

G. A. Pati

**End**

Robert L. Reagan

Robert L. Reagan

County of Scullyville  
Choctaw Nation

To all whom it may concern, know ye;  
That, whereas, Robt L Reagan a citizen  
of the United States, has this day  
Petitioned according to the form of  
the statutes in such cases made and  
provided, asking that a marriage  
license be <sup>granted</sup> to him to marry a citizen  
of the Choctaw Nation, and it ap-  
pearing from said petition that  
the party mentioned therein has com-  
plied with all the requirements  
of said law

Now therefore, I the undersigned County  
Clerk of Scullyville County, by  
virtue of the Authority in me vested  
by the laws of the Choctaw Nation  
and in accordance with the above  
mentioned application, do this day  
hereby grant unto the above men-  
tioned Robt L Reagan a license, to  
marry a citizen of the Choctaw Nation  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and caused the seal of Scullyville  
to be affixed Done at Oak Lodge this  
the 25th day of April 1895

J. D. Ward  
Co. Clerk, Scullyville County



This is to Certify that the foregoing  
is a correct Copy of a certified  
Copy from J. D. Ward County  
Clerk Skullyville County, C. N.  
Wm E Green  
Notary Public

Robert L. Reagon

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In the United States Court, Central  
District, Indian Territory.

Robert L. Reagan

Appellants

vs. -x- Notice of Appeal. -x-

Choctaw Nation,

Appellee.

To the Governor, Attorney General or Attorneys of Record of  
the Choctaw Nation.

You are hereby notified that an appeal has been taken,  
in the matter of Robert L. Reagan  
who ~~was~~ petitioners before the Dawes Commission for enrollment as mem-  
bers of the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, said appeal being from  
the decision of the said Dawes Commission, which was adverse to this  
said appellant and denied his petition; said decision was rendered on  
or about the -----1893.

Robert L. Reagan

Robert L. Reagan  
Attys for Appellant.

The Attorneys of record of the Choctaw Nation hereby accept  
service of the above and foregoing notice of appeal.

This 25th, day of January 1897.

Stuart Gordon Haley  
Attys of Record for the Choctaw  
Nation.

I do hereby certify that on the  
28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1895 I did  
Solemnize the rites of matrimony  
between Mr Robt L Reagan and Mrs  
Phoebe Welch at the residence of  
the latter at Brazil Station Indian Territory  
James C Smith  
Local Elder  
M. E. Church South

This is to certify that the above  
is a correct copy of a certified  
copy from J. S. Ward County Clerk  
of Shelbyville County C. N.  
Wm E Green  
Notary Public



**End**

James H. Reed

#556

court no 184

James H Reed

Affidavit  
of  
Lina Lang

Before the Commission for the Five  
Civilized Tribes

In the matter of the  
Application of James H Reed  
Applicant for Enrollment as a member  
of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians

On this 5 day of September 1896.  
Personally appeared before me the  
undersigned authority -

who having been by me first duly  
sworn according to law states on  
her oath as follows to wit

I am 40 years old and a res-  
ident of Tobucksey County - of the  
Choctaw Nation and am a member of  
the Choctaw Nation. I am acquainted  
with the applicant James H Reed  
and have known him during the last  
2 years. I know his wife Maggie  
Reed and have known her for 30  
years. I knew her Father and  
Mother and know them and them  
to be members by blood of the  
Choctaw Tribe of Indians and  
they are so recognized by other  
members of said tribe. Ever since  
the applicant married said  
Maggie Reed he has been



has been recognized as a member  
of the said Choctaw Tribe and his  
right has never been disputed.

Mrs Maggie Reed was before  
her marriage to the applicant a  
Miss Maggie Fulson being the  
daughter of Samuel Fulson and  
Tennessee Fulson.

The Applicant is now a  
resident of Mc Alester Tobacco  
Country of the Choctaw-Nation

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> day of <sup>Sept</sup> 1896.

This is a true copy of the papers  
furnished the Dawes commission

McAlester Ok  
Sept 5-1896

L. J. Watson  
Notary Public

Critic "A."

Marriage License

And  
Certificate

James B Reed

And  
Maggie James

Recorded in Book

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p. 8. 11th Oct.

by M. L. Under Deputy

A True copy.

"A True Copy"  
Marriage Licence.

United States of America } ss.  
Indian Territory }  
Securo Judicial Jurisdiction }

Pls. do hereby commanded to Solemnize the  
Rite and publish the Bonds of Matrimony  
between Mr James V Reed of South M Alester  
in the Indian Territory aged 58 years and  
Mrs Maggie James of M Alester in the  
Indian Territory aged 30 years according  
to law, and do you officially sign and  
return this Licence to the Parties therein  
named.

Witness my hand and an official  
Seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March A.D. 1895-

Seal

Joseph W. Phillips  
Clerk of the U.S. Court.

Attest as Deputy.

Certificates of Marriage  
United States of America } ss.  
Indian Territory }  
Securo Judicial Jurisdiction }

I Charles S Newhall  
a Clergyman do certify that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
March A.D. 1895 I did duly and according  
to law as commanded in the foregoing Licence  
Solemnize the Rite and publish the Bonds of  
Matrimony between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March  
A.D. 1895. My Credentials are recorded in  
the office of the Clerk of the United States  
Court in the Indian Territory. Rev Charles S Newhall  
a Clergyman of the Pres Church of the U. States

Application of  
James H Reed  
for  
Enrollment

True copy of  
documents for-  
nished the above  
Commission by  
J H Reed

Witness  
Notary Public  
Cent dist



before the Commission for the Five Civilized  
Tribes.

In the matter of James H. Reed  
Applicant for Enrollment as a member  
of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians in the  
Indian Territory.

Your Applicant James  
H. Reed respectfully represents to this  
Honorable Commission that he is a White  
Man and is a bona fide resident of the  
Choctaw Nation and is entitled to be  
placed upon the Rolls being prepared by  
this Honorable Commission as a member of  
said Choctaw Tribe or Nation of Indians  
in the Indian Territory for the following  
reasons:

1<sup>st</sup> There is no correct and perfect roll  
of the members of the Choctaw Tribe of  
Indians and no Law or authority  
for the Choctaw Nation to make such  
Rolls.

2<sup>nd</sup> Your Applicant was on the second  
day of March A.D. 1895 a Citizen of the  
United States of America and a White  
Man and was on said date legally  
and in compliance with the Laws  
of the United States of America  
married to Maggie James

Maggie James ne Maggie Solson  
who was then and is now a regularly  
recognized member by Blood of the said  
Choctaw Tribe of Indians in the Indian  
Territory. A copy of the marriage license  
and the certificate of marriage is herewith  
attached and marked Exhibit A and  
made a part hereof.

By virtue of said marriage your  
Applicant became a member of the  
said Tribe of Indians.

Your Applicant files herewith the  
Affidavit of Lina Canz. as additional  
proof of his wife, Maggie Reed ne Maggie  
James being an Indian by Blood of  
the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and  
asks that his name be placed upon the  
roll as a member of the Choctaw Tribe  
of Indians of the Indian Territory

James H Reed  
Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 5 day of September  
1896.

**End**

John Reed

John Reed



Reed John  
Reed Sarah  
Reed Harriet  
Reed Lydia  
Reed Nettie  
Reed Caroline

# Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable National Council of The Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory:

GENTLEMEN:--The undersigned, your petitioner, this day makes this his Application for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, in the Indian Territory, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of said Nation, and respectfully makes the following statement of the grounds of this Application, to wit:

That Your Petitioner is the Grand son of one John Reed died who the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging to said tribe. & of half Indian blood

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for this his Application for Choctaw Citizenship by blood, and respectfully awaits the time when his Application shall be truly heard and tried. Respectfully submitted.

Age 32 years, Postoffice Independence La.

Family, with their relationship attached, is as follows:

| NO. | NAMES.        | SEX.   | AGE. | RELATIONSHIP.         |
|-----|---------------|--------|------|-----------------------|
| 1   | John Reed     | ma     | 32   | Husband & Applicant   |
| 2   | Sarah Reed    | female | 33   | Wife of Applicant     |
| 3   | Harriet Reed  | female | 10   | Daughter of Applicant |
| 4   | Lidia Reed    | female | 7    | Daughter of Applicant |
| 5   | Nettie Reed   | female | 5    | Daughter "            |
| 6   | Caroline Reed | female | 2    | Daughter "            |

In witness of which Application, I hereunto set my hand, on this the Fifth day of September 1896.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. A. D., 1896

John L. Reed  
W. Warner Clerk of  
16<sup>th</sup> Ind Dist Conty of La.  
for Tangipahoa Parish &  
2 officers Notary Public

**Affidavit of Witness.**

State of Louisiana  
County of Tangipahoa } ss.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared Larry Cooper who after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 77 years of age, and a citizen of Tangipahoa county and state of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with John Reed who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said John Reed is the identical person he represents him self to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said John Reed is a resident of the Parish of Tangipahoa La. & husband of Sarah Reed (his wife) also residing in said Parish & State. Affiant further states that he knows that said John Reed is the grand son of one John Reed deceased that he, affiant, was well acquainted with said John Reed deceased and knows that he was an Indian of the half blood.

Affiant further states that he has known the said John Reed (applicant) for the past 32 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as a person having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said John Reed indicate that the said John Reed is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said John Reed affiant states he has every reason to believe and does believe that the said John Reed is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said John Reed to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

Larry Cooper  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Sept A. D., 1896  
and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Larry Cooper  
and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

D. E. Warner, Notary Public.

My commission expires on the June day of 1900



*Affidavit of Witness.*

State of *Louisiana*  
County of *Tangipahoa* } ss.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared *John H. Cooper* who after being by me duly sworn, states that *he* is *53* years of age, and a citizen of *Tangipahoa* county and state of *Louisiana* and that *he* is personally acquainted with *John Reed* who is an applicant for citizenship in the *Choctaw* Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said *John Reed* is the identical person *he* represents *him* self to be in *his* application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said *John Reed* is a resident of *Tangipahoa Parish La.* & is the husband of *Sarah Reed* (his wife) of same residence. Affiant further states that said *John Reed* is the grand son of one *John Reed* deceased with whom affiant was well acquainted and who was an Indian of the half blood.

Affiant further states that *he* has known the said *John Reed* (applicant) for the past *32* years and knows that *he* is and has been recognized and treated by *his* neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as a person having *Choctaw* Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said *John Reed* indicate that the said *John Reed* is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to *him* by the said *John Reed* affiant states *he* has every reason to believe and does believe that the said *John Reed* is of *Choctaw* Indian blood.

Affiant further states that *he* has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said *John Reed* to citizenship in the *Choctaw* Nation, I. T.

*John H. Cooper*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *5th* day of *Sept.* A. D., 189*6*  
and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said *John H. Cooper*  
and know *him* to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

*D. E. Warm*, Notary Public.

My commission expires on the *June* day of *1897*



**End**

John Reese  
#1271

John Reese

the same to be true, and signed the same in my presence.  
In Witness Whereof, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above written.

*J. J. Macdonald*

CASE No. *43*

AFFIDAVIT

*John R. Case*

# AFFIDAVIT.

Moche McDonald ~~of 59~~  
and Tom Billy, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes  
 and says:  
 That he resides at Hecker, State of Miss;  
 that he is 58 years of age; that he knows John Reese (single)  
 the claimant, and that he is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the  
 following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife No info  
 Husband John Reese  
 Claimant's Father John Davis  
 Mother Mary Davis  
 Claimant's Father's Father  
 Father's Mother  
 Mother's Father  
 Mother's Mother  
 Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather  
 Indian Great Grandmother

## CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN. no child born

|    | SEX. | AGE. |     | SEX. | AGE. |
|----|------|------|-----|------|------|
| 1. |      |      | 6.  |      |      |
| 2. |      |      | 7.  |      |      |
| 3. |      |      | 8.  |      |      |
| 4. |      |      | 9.  |      |      |
| 5. |      |      | 10. |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from  
 recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought  
 to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw  
 Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 24 day of  
 \_\_\_\_\_, 1896.

Moche McDonald  
Tom X Billy



State of Illinois  
County of Cook } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 24 day of Aug., 1896,  
before me J. J. Madeworth J.P., personally came  
Mack McDonald & Sam Bell Choclain, who speak and  
understand the English language, well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

J. J. Madeworth J.P.

CASE No. 93

AFFIDAVIT

John P. C. C.

**End**

William Reichert

#748

#31

William Reichert

WILLIAM REICHERT,  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
REICHERT, IND. TER.

Reichert J. Ty Aug 8. 1896

Mr Jefferson Gardner  
Principal Shif  
Eagle town  
J. Ty

Dear Sir!

This is to notify you that  
I have this day applied to the  
Daves Commission for my name to be  
put on the Choctaw Roll -

I was married Febr 1885 to a Choctaw  
Woman <sup>by Judge Holcomb</sup> - Recorded Dist. Ct Page 946/7  
W. G. Garland Clerk - the first  
time & my second wife in 1890 also  
a Choctaw by blood.

very respectfully  
Wm Reichert



Reichert J. Ty Aug 17. 1896

Jefferson Gardner  
Hon. Principal Chief  
Eagle Town  
J. Ty

Dear Sir!

I forwarded to you about  
ago statement for my application  
for enrollment on my name  
on the Choctaw Roll which  
I trust has reached you —  
To day I send you herewith  
according to the request of the  
Dawes Commission <sup>copies of</sup> my marriage  
certificates — the original  
are on file before the Commission  
& wish you receipt me  
for the same.

Very respectfully  
Willm Reichert

Marriage  
License  
issued

William Reid  
Josephine Lewis  
14 July 1890

Marriage License  
State of Ark County of Sebastian Ft Smith

Between Wm Reidbert of  
Lefflow F. T. 32 years &  
Miss Josephine Lewis of  
Lefflow F. T. 20 years old  
Jesse A. Bell  
By J. H. McClure Clerk

Certificate of Marriage  
State of Ark, Sebastian City  
Steve Grier do hereby certify  
that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July  
1890 I did duly & according  
to law as commanded in the  
forgoing license, solemnize  
the Rites & publish the Banns  
of Matrimony between the  
parties therein named  
14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1890  
Steve Grier  
J. P.

I do affirm this to be a  
true copy of the original  
marriage contract Wm Reidbert  
Notary Public

Recorded on  
Pages 946 & 947  
in Record  
Circuit Court  
W. C. Garland  
Circuit Clerk  
F. Judic. Dist

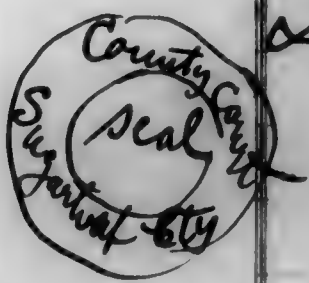


Copic  
Marriage License  
Sugarloaf City, Choctaw Nation

This is to show to whom it  
may concern that Mr Wm Reichert  
a citizen of the United States has  
fully & in all respects complied  
with the laws regulating marriage  
of white man to Choctaw women  
Therefore I N. J. Holson County  
Judge of said County do hereby  
grant unto him the said  
Wm Reichert a license —  
authorizing him to be lawfully  
married to a Choctaw Woman  
Given under my hand on this  
13<sup>th</sup> day of Febr 1885

N. J. Holson  
Judge of Sugarloaf City  
C. N.

This is to certify that N. J. Holson  
City Judge did on the 20<sup>th</sup> day  
of Febr A.D. 1885 duly join  
in the bond of matrimony Mr  
Wm Reichert and Martha Griffith  
& did then declare him man  
& wife



I do affirm this to be a true copie  
of the original marriage contract  
Wm Reichert & P.

**End**

Henry Ransom

Henry Ransom

Ransom, Henry,  
Ransom, Martha,  
Ransom, Ella,  
Ransom, John,  
Ransom, Snider  
Ransom, Isaac,  
Ransom, Birdie,  
Ransom, Si,  
Ransom, Edward,  
Ransom, Willie,



Copy

To the Hon Laws Commission.

Venita and Per  
Gentlemen: The undersigned, your petitioner Mary  
Rensom, for and on behalf of herself and family and  
husband Henry Rensom, makes this their application  
to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised  
rolls of Choctaw Indians and of those entitled to  
share in the distribution of funds and allowances  
of lands in Choctaw Nation by virtue of their Choctaw  
blood and submit the following, that her maiden  
name was Mary Johnson, daughter of one Dick Johnson  
who was a full blood Choctaw Indian and her mother  
Fildes Johnson was a Cree Indian. That her mother  
was living on or near Red river when she was born  
and died there. I then moved to the Chickasaw  
Nation where I have since lived. I am 51 years  
of age and married a man by the name of Henry  
Rensom. My post office address is Wynnewood, N.  
in support of said claim, and respectfully await  
the time when her application shall be heard and  
tried.

Enrollment of family with relationship attached  
is as follows:-

|               |               |            |
|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Henry Rensom  | age 51 years. | Husband    |
| Martha Rensom | age 28        | " Daughter |
| Ella Rensom   | " 23          | " daughter |
| John Rensom   | " 22          | " Son      |
| Serida Rensom | " 19          | " daughter |

1  
Isaac Ransom age 18 years Son  
Birdie Ransom " 15 " Daughter  
Li Ransom " 14 " Son  
Edward Ransom " 9 " Son  
Willie Ransom " 6 " Son

In witness of which I hereunto  
set my hand on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896  
Othello D Williams Mary <sup>the</sup> Ransom  
mark

Indian Territory } Ss.  
Southern District } Now on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August  
1896 personally appeared before me David Williams  
a Notary Public in and for said Southern District  
Indian Territory, Mary Ransom who being  
duly sworn upon her oath states that the facts  
set forth in the foregoing petition are correct  
and true. Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 12 day of August 1896

Seal

Commission David Williams  
expires Nov 19 1898 Notary Public

Copy

Indian Territory 388

Southern District } He it remembered that on  
this 12 day of August 1896 personally appeared  
before me Henry Lowe and Dora Lowe  
aged respectively 44 and 37 years, reliable and  
creditable residents of Pontotoc County, Chickasaw  
Nation, Indian Ter, and who being duly sworn  
deposes and says: that they are residents of  
aforesaid Nation and Territory, that their post office  
address is Center, Indian Territory, occupation  
farmers, that they were both personally and well  
acquainted with Dick Johnson and his family  
that said Dick Johnson was a full blood Choctaw  
Indian by blood, and that Mary Ransom was  
the daughter of said Dick Johnson and married  
a man named Henry Ransom, that the mother  
of Mary Ransom (Fidelity Johnson) was a Creek  
Indian that said Mary Ransom was born  
near Red River, and after the death of her  
mother moved to Chickasaw Nation Ind Ter  
where she has since lived

Henry Lowe

Dora Lowe

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 12 day of August 1896

Sal.

David Williams

Notary Public

**End**



David W. Reeves

#625

David W. Reeves

Application for Citizenship

Choctaw Nation, Hesse County, 35<sup>th</sup> June

Talichiana, I. P. August A. D. 1896.

To the Hon. Jeff. Gordon, Principal  
Chief Choctaw Nation.

David W. Reeves who declares in the above Claim  
as follows that his wife is the daughter of  
Samuel Williams and Parilee Williams  
he further declares that the above named  
Samuel Williams was a grandson of Martha Catibbi  
who was a full blood. Choctaw  
further declares that his wife <sup>was</sup> prior to marriage  
Lyda R. Williams age 24 years and has  
one child name Francis age 12 years  
he also declares that his Claim is lost and  
supported by the Evidence furnished  
the Law Commission by Laura C. McKinley  
Order of Lyda R. Reeves  
father states that his knowledge of the facts  
is from Sworn Evidence of Choctaw  
Citizens

NEXT  
IMAGE  
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also declares that he makes this declaration  
for the purpose of having his wife and  
Childs name placed on the roll  
prepared by the Dawes Commission  
as Choctaw Citizens  
~~Further declares that the Post Office~~  
address is Palihera, I.P.

The above named David H.  
Preston personally appeared  
and made oath that the



Forgoing said ~~man~~, of him  
subscribed is true. Before  
me this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of  
August A.D. 1896.

D. S. NOAH,  
Clerk of Wade County,  
Choctaw Nation.

also declares that he makes this declaration  
for the purpose of having his wife and  
Childs name placed on the roll  
prepared by the Dawes Commission  
as Choctaw Citizens  
~~Further declares that the Post Office~~  
Address is Patehina, I.P.

The above Named David St.  
~~David St. Noah~~ personally appeared  
~~before me and~~ of him  
subscribed is true. Before  
me this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of  
August A.D. 1896.

D. S. NOAH,  
Clerk of Wade County,  
Choctaw Nation.

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BEST AVAILABLE COPY

**End**

Amanda Reynolds

Amanda Reynolds



Affidavit of  
M. E. Davis  
in favor of  
Amanda Reynolds

State of Ark } Before me the undersigned  
County of Monro } authority on this day personally  
appeared M E Davis of Monro County State  
of Arkansas who being by me first duly  
sworn states that he is 42 years of age and  
is a resident of the state & county aforesaid;  
That he is personally acquainted with Mrs Amanda  
Reynolds and her family who is an applicant  
for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation D.C.  
and affiant further states that the said Amanda  
Reynolds is the identical person she represents  
herself to be in her application for citizenship  
in said Nation, and that she the said Amanda  
Reynolds is the lawful daughter of Asa  
Miner Sanders formerly Asa Miner Nichols who  
was a daughter of William L. and Seltha  
Nichols. That said Amanda Reynolds  
is the lawful wife of her present husband.  
And by their marriage they have no children.  
Affiant further states that he has  
known the said Amanda Reynolds for the past 3  
years and knows that she is and has been recog-  
nized and treated by her neighbors, acquaintances  
and the public generally as a person  
having Choctaw Indian blood and that the  
complexion and physical appearance of the  
said Amanda Reynolds indicate that she

is of Indian blood  
That from the above facts & circumstances  
and from statements made to me by the  
said Amanda Reynolds affiant  
states she has every reason to believe  
that the said Amanda Reynolds is of  
Choctaw Indian blood. Affiant  
further states that she has no interest whatever  
in the prosecution of the claim of said  
Amanda Reynolds to Citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation D.T.

Witness  
M. H. Auger  
& M. Auger  
M. E. Davis  
Notary

Subscribed & sworn to before me this  
2nd day of Sept. 1846 and I further  
certify that I am ~~well~~ acquainted with the  
said Amanda Reynolds and know  
her to be a person of credibility and of  
truth and veracity.

W. E. Auger  
Notary Public

My Com. expires  
May 19-1900

recorded on page 218 of Book D of  
Marriage records.  
Witness my hand & seal of said County this 20 day  
of July 1843.

M A Sanders

Clerk and Recorder

(Copy)

Marriage License  
Mr W H Reynolds  
to  
Mrs Amanda Butler

Record Book B page 228

Returned & filed this today of  
July 1843  
M A Sanders *clerk*



## Marriage License -

State of Arkansas, County of Searcy -

To any person authorized by law to solemnize  
Marriage Contrivances.

You are here by Commanded to solemnize the  
rite and publish the laws of Matrimony between  
Mr W. H. Reynolds of Snow Ball in the County  
of Searcy and State of Arkansas aged 38  
years and Mrs Amanda Baker of  
Snow Ball in the County of Searcy + State of Arkansas  
age 26 years, according to law; And do you officially  
sign + return this License to the parties herein named  
Witness my hand + official seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1893

M. A. Sanders  
County Clerk.

## Certificate of Marriage

State of Arkansas, County of Searcy I W. H. Brown  
do hereby certify that on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of April 1893.  
I did duly and according to law as commanded in the  
 foregoing License, solemnize the rite + publish  
the laws of Matrimony between the parties herein  
named

Witness my hand this 31 day of April 1893

My credentials are recorded in } W. H. Brown  
Recorder of the Searcy County Ark.  
Book D Page 153 -

Certificate of Record

State of Arkansas }  
County of Sevier } I M. A. Sanders Clerk of the Circuit  
Court & Ex-officio Clerk of the County Court & recorder of  
said County, certify that the above License for and  
Certificate of marriage of W. H. Reynolds and Amanda  
Baker were, on the 20 day of July 1843  
filed in my office, the same are now duly  
recorded on page 218 of Book D of  
Marriage records.

Witness my hand & seal of said County this 20 day  
of July 1843

M. A. Sanders

Clerk and Recorder

(Copy)

Marriage License

W. H. Reynolds

by

Mrs. Amanda Baker

Record Book & page 218

Returned filed this 20 day of  
July 1843  
M. A. Sanders Sec

Mos Amundson <sup>Junior</sup> Report  
Application for  
Citizenship

Filed by  
Winn & Pyatt  
County Ind. Terr.  
Att. for applicant

Application for Citizenship

United States of America Indian Territory

The Hon Henry L. Dawes Chairman Dawes  
Commission Vinita, I.T.

Your petitioner the undersigned being  
 duly sworn on her oath, respectfully states:

That her name is Amanda Reynolds age 38  
 years and post office address Bruce Creek  
 and that she entitled by blood and her husband  
 W. H. Reynolds by intermarriage to citizenship in the  
 Indian Territory for the following reasons:

That she is the great grand child of John  
 Cooper who was a Choctaw Indian and who  
 was married to Nancy Ann Piles in N.C. in  
 about year 1785 and by this marriage had seven  
 children whose names are William H., Polly,  
 Brithen, Henry, Berry, Narciss, and Elizabeth  
 of these children Brithen Cooper subsequently  
 by Brithen Nichols is my grand mother and  
 was married to Wilson D. Nichols in Ring  
 County Tenn about the year 1832 of this  
 marriage 12 children were born to wit:  
 Artz Mining, Eliza Jane, James B., Orrin M.,  
 Hulda, all now living and Mary Caroline,  
 William, Moses, Nancy, Thomas, and Josephine  
 who are now deceased. Of these children  
 Artz Mining Nichols subsequently Artz



Mary Sanders is my mother and was  
married to S M Sanders who is my father in  
Sevier County Ark about the year 1853 and  
by her marriage with the said S M Sanders  
had (6) children whose names are John H.  
Jesse W, Joseph M, Elijah M, and Amanda  
M. of these children I am the youngest  
child and was myself married to W H Reynolds  
in Sevier County Ark about the 30 day of  
April 1893 and by my marriage I have  
had no children whose name are,  
all being are my true and lawful children children

Amanda Reynolds

That her family relationship consists of the  
following named persons My husband  
W H Reynolds aged 45 years and no  
children.

And respectfully ask to be enrolled together  
with each member of her family as a member  
of the Choctaw Indians in the Indian Territory  
Your petitioner states the above facts  
as the law full grounds of her application  
for citizenship in the said Choctaw Nation  
and prays that her claim may be  
investigated by your honorable body and that  
she be adjudged to be a citizen of said

Shoshone Nation of Indians and entitled  
to all the rights & privileges pertaining to  
such citizenship in accordance with the  
laws & treaties made with the said Nation  
of Indians

Witness my hand on this 2 day of Sept. 1896

Witness  
W E Angel

Amanda Reynolds  
W H Reynolds

W H Angel

Subscribed & sworn to before me the  
undersigned authority on this the 2 day of Sept.  
1896 and I certify that the Amanda Reynolds  
& W H Reynolds is a responsible and  
credible person worthy belief and that I am not  
interested in the matter to which this person  
relates

Witness my hand & seal of office on the 2  
day of Sept 1896

W E Angel

My commission Notary Public

Expire May 14th 1900

**End**

John W. Reynolds

#1418

Court no 193

John W. Reynolds



Before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes:

In the matter of the Claim of John W. Reynolds for enrollment <sup>for citizenship in the Choctaw</sup> ~~for enrollment~~ <sup>Nation</sup> on the Choctaw Nation's roll for citizenship to be prepared by the commission for the said Nation.

The applicant John W. Reynolds would state for his claim for enrollment on the above named roll that his age is 35 years and that his Post Office is Pulaski, T.

The applicant would further state that he is an intermarried citizen of the Choctaw Nation, having married Miss Georgia A. Izard a Choctaw Indian by blood, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Sep'r 1891, and that he married according to the laws of the Choctaw Nation, at that time governing the marriage of male citizens of the United States marrying female citizen of the Choctaw Nation, as will be seen by a certified copy of the marriage license and marriage certificate filed herewith and ~~also~~ <sup>is</sup> a part of this application and marked "Exhibit A"

The applicant would ask the Commission to place him on the roll to be prepared by them for the Choctaw Nation as a Citizenship roll.

(Said)

John W. Reynolds

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of AUG. 1893

(Copy)

J. L. Raffalce  
Notary Public.

Affidavit of St. James to be read as evidence, before the Com-  
mission to the Five Tribes, in behalf of John W Reynolds for enrollment  
on the roll to be prepared by the Commission for the Choctaw Nation as  
a citizenship roll for the said Nation. *Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation*

The affiant after first being duly sworn deposes and says that—  
age is 28 years and that his Post Office is Boggy Depot. I. T.

The affiant would further state that he was present and saw the  
applicant and his wife married and that he knows that his wife is  
a Choctaw Indian, and know that they were married in a legal way as  
is the customary way.

The affiant states that he has no interest in the prosecution of  
this claim in any way.

John  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 14 day of Aug. 1880

W. J. Jones  
J. M. Mavor  
Notary Public.

Boggy

Affidavit of J. P. Gord to be read as evidence, before the Commission <sup>citizenship for Choctaw</sup> to the Five Civilized Tribes, in behalf of John W. Reynolds for <sup>entitled</sup> ~~entitled~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~with~~ ment on the roll to be prepared by the Commission for the Choctaw Nation as a citizenship roll for the said Nation.

The affiant after first being duly sworn deposes and says that his age is 24 years and that his Post Office is Boggy Depot, I. T.

The affiant would further state he was present and saw the applicant and his wife married and that he knows that his wife is a Choctaw Indian, and know that they were married in a legal way as is the customary way.

The affiant states that he has no interest in the prosecution of this claim in any way.

Gus

J. P. Gord

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 24 day of Aug. 1896.

Copy

L. M. Maurer  
Notary Public.

John W Reynolds  
20  
Shelton Maine



This is to certify that I, by virtue of authority vested in  
me as a minister of the Gospel, joined in Holy Wed-  
lock according to the laws of the Choctaw Nation Indian  
Territory on the Twentieth day of September 1891, in  
Blue county, John W. Reynolds and George A  
~~Reynolds~~ Izard.

G P White

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of August 1896

L M Mauer

Notary Public

**End**

L. F. Rhoades

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L. F. Rhoades

Rhoades L.F.

Rhoades Saml.P.

Rhoades Andrew O.

Rhoades Emmett L.

Rhoades Ella N.

Olive ~~Roberta~~ *Rhoades*

Olive Thos.G.

Olive Jessie Lee



To the Hon. Laws Commission:

Your petitioner states that he with his children Saml. P. Rhodes, Andrew C. Rhodes, Emmett L. Rhodes, Ella N. Rhodes and his married daughter Roberta Rhodes Olive, her husband Thos. G. Olive & their child Jessie Lee Olive are entitled to be enrolled as citizens of the Choctaw Nation for the reason that your petitioner was married to Cleopatra Rhodes nee Askeew <sup>(a Choctaw Indian by blood)</sup> on Apr. 8. 1869. as evidenced by the affidavit of B. B. Askeew the marriage records having been long destroyed & search has been fruitless. Said Cleopatra Askeew Rhodes died ~~on~~ <sup>1882</sup> Jan. 12 ~~1892~~ was a sister to B. B. Askeew and A. M. Askeew who are recognized citizens of the Choctaw Nation by blood as evidenced by the evidence in the case of B. B. Askeew et al filed herewith & asked to be made a part of the evidence in this case -

Thos. G. Olive was married to Roberta Rhodes Jan. 12. 1893 as evidenced by a copy of the certificate of E. J. Canafax filed herewith & marked "Exhibit A" the original records of her marriage were also burned when the Federal Court building at Ardmore was burned.

Your petitioner further states That  
he & all his children have been  
residents of the Nation for years -

Wherefore he prays that they be  
all enrolled as Choctaw citizens  
& entitled to all rights as such -

xxx Le. J. Rhodes

Suon to & subscribed before me  
this the 28th day of August A.D. 1896 -

L. J. Pate  
Notary public

Affidavit  
of

B.B. Bassett

In re  
Ransom case

B. B. Askew being duly sworn on  
his oath says - I am      years of age  
and my F.O. is Ram. I. T. I am a  
Citizen by blood of the Choctaw  
Nation. I am the son of Merrice  
Askew. I have a brother by  
the name of A. M. Askew. Also  
Tom & Julius Askew. Also have  
sisters as follows - Mrs. McKinzie  
Mrs. Starritt. Mrs. Alexander  
& Mrs. Hendricks. I also had  
a sister by the name of Cla-  
patria Askew - who is now  
dead. She married a man  
by the name of S. J. Rhodes. I  
saw them married. They had  
children as follows - Samuel P.  
Rhodes, Roberta Rhodes (who mar-  
ried Thos. G. Olive & has one child Je-  
su Lee Olive by name) Emmett L. Rhodes  
and Ella N. Rhodes. They are  
all now living in the Chickasaw  
Nation.

— — — — — L. B. Aspley

Sworn to & subscribed before  
me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. A.D. 1890.  
W. J. Martin  
Notary Public



Indian Territory, Central District.

Before me, S. J. Nixon, a Notary Public in and for said district, ~~###~~ rs. Belle Hendricks, being duly sworn, states on oath, that she is of lawful age, and a Choctaw Indian citizen by blood, and a full sister by blood of Ms. Eleonora Brooks, who is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that affiant saw the said Eleonora Brooks, formerly Askew, married to L. R. Brooks, a white man and citizen of the United States; that said marriage took place in the ~~###~~ Alabama that in said marriage both as to issuance of the license and solemnization of said rites of matrimony all ~~###~~ law, custom, and usage that prevailed in said country were fully carried out; that the said Eleonora Brooks is entitled to Choctaw citizenship in all respects by blood; that said L. R. Brooks is entitled to Choctaw citizenship by his inter-marriage with the said Eleonora Askew, a Choctaw by blood; that the following children have been to them born in said wedlock:

Belle Hendricks

Witness my hand and given to be a true and correct copy of the foregoing on this day of August 1906.

S. J. Nixon  
Notary Public.

The State of Alabama  
Lauderdale County, 388

Before me W. B. McClure, Judge of the  
Probate Court within & for said County, in said  
State personally appeared Peter M. Rhodes and  
J. Ruffin Burnes who being by me duly  
& legally sworn say on their oaths, that they  
knew Lee Rhodes late of the aforesaid  
State & County, but who now resides  
according to their best information  
near Center, Indian Territory; that  
they also knew Cleopatra Askew  
for a number of years before she  
& the said Lee Rhodes were married;  
that they the said Peter M. Rhodes and  
J. Ruffin Burnes were present at the  
marriage of the said Lee Rhodes &  
Cleopatra Askew and that said  
marriage took place in the month  
of April 1869 at the residence of  
Murrell Askew who was the  
father of the said Cleopatra Askew  
in said State & County.

P. M. Rhodes,

J. R. Burnes

Sworn to & subscribed before me this  
the 10th day of Sept. 1895

W. B. McClure,  
Judge of Probate.

Southern District  
Indian Territory

On this 27th day of Aug. 1896 before  
me a duly commissioned Notary Public  
in and for the Southern District, In-  
dian Territory in person appeared  
the undersigned and after being duly sworn  
stated: That his name is P. Y. Ingram  
that his age is 31 years & his Post Office  
address is Custer, S. T. and that he is  
a United States Citizen; That he is  
personally acquainted with L. F.  
Rhodes and has known him  
about 30 years; that on the 5th  
day of April 1869 said L. F. Rhodes  
was married to Cleopatra Adams;  
that it was in Lauderdale Co. Ala.  
that they were married; That said  
Rhodes lived with his wife Cleopatra until  
she died which was Jan'y 1st, 1882; that  
he has no interest in the prosecution  
of this claim -

P. Y. Ingram

Subscribed & sworn to before  
me this the 27th day of Aug. 1896.

J. M. King  
Notary Public.

Seal

Chickasaw Nation

In & for Southern Division

appeared before me Isaac  
Sparks Notary Public, E. Cana-  
fax to testify in behalf of Thomas  
G. Olive — I certify that on  
the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Jan'y A.D. 1893 I  
married Thomas G. Olive & Miss  
Roberta Rhodes the daughter of  
Lee A. Rhodes — this Aug. the 12<sup>th</sup>  
A.D. 1893

E. Canafax  
Notary

Sworn to before me Isaac  
Sparks N. P. in & for Southern  
Division 8-12-96-

Seal

Isaac Sparks  
Notary Public



Duplicate

In re  
L. F. Rhodes

Chaetan Hation

G. A. Pake  
Atty.

Affidavit of Eliza Askeu.

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My name is Eliza Askeu. I live at  
Sebanon Ind. Tg. I am 72 years old  
(nearly). Cleopatra Rhodes, deceased,  
was my daughter and B. D. Askeu is  
my son. Samuel Patrick Rhodes,  
Andrew Rhodes, Emmett Rhodes, Ro-  
berta Rhodes Olive & Ellenora Rhodes  
are living children of Cleopatra  
Rhodes, (decd).

Jesus Lee Olive is a child of  
Robert Rhodes Olive.

Eliza Askeu,

Subscribed & sworn to before  
me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1895.

W. S. Martin

Notary Public

Southern Division, D. C.

See attached  
here

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*Copy*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

Wm. L. Garrison

*A. L. Benson*

Attorney at Law, Boston.

POOR ORIGINAL -  
BEST AVAILABLE COPY

THE  
Chief

Y. . .

A. . .

W. . .

A O Rhoads

Cent

T B Johnson



P. J. Thomas

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A. L. Lenné

L. J. Rhodes et al  
over no. 676.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF TEXAS,

AT AUSTIN, TEXAS.

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L. ... .. Plaintiff, )  
vs. ) NOTICE TO DEFEND )  
Choctaw ... .. Defendant. )

AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 11, 1907.

Wm. H. ... ..

...

You are hereby notified that on said 11th day of March, 1907, take the depositions of J. W. Atwell and Eliza Atwell, and Robert L. Warren, a Notary Public, at his office in <sup>Darrell</sup> ~~Atwell~~ Texas.

Also, that on said 11th day of March, 1907, take the depositions of William H. ... .. and ... .. of ... .. a Notary Public, at his office in said Notary A. ... .. Texas.

Also, that on said 15th day of March, 1907, take the depositions of ... .. a Notary Public, at his office in ... .. Texas.

All of the depositions above mentioned to be taken between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. on said date. If any depositions are not completed upon said date, they will be continued to the next day, at the same places and between the same hours, until completed.

A. C. Bruce

Thos. Norman

Attorney at Law.

3/13/07



**End**

Ola Rhody

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Ola Rhody

Rhody, Ola,  
Rhody, Wa.,  
Rhody, Florida,  
Rhoda, G. W.,  
Rhody, Fred A.,

## Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable National Council of the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory:

GENTLEMEN:--The undersigned, your petitioner, this day makes this Application for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, in the Indian Territory, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of said Nation, and respectfully makes the following statement of the grounds of this Application, to wit: Your Petitioner

That Your Petitioner is the great grand grand daughter of one Thomas J. Franklin who the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging to said tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for this her Application for Cherokee Citizenship by blood, and respectfully awaits the time when her Application shall be truly heard and tried. Respectfully submitted.

Age 22 years, Postoffice Arvola La.

Family, with their relationship attached, is as follows:

| NO. | NAMES.        | SEX.   | AGE. | RELATIONSHIP.                  |
|-----|---------------|--------|------|--------------------------------|
| 1   | Ola Rhody     | female | 22   | wife & Mother                  |
| 2   | Wm Rhody      | male   | 25   | Husband of Ola Rhody Applicant |
| 3   | Florida Rhody | female | 6    | Daughter of Applicant          |
| 4   | G. W. Rhody   | male   | 3    | Son " "                        |
| 5   | Fred A. Rhody | male   | 2    | Son " "                        |

In witness of which Application, I hereunto set my hand, on this the 20th day of August 1896.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of August A. D., 1896

Ola Rhody

W. M. McLendon  
Not Pub



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County of Tulare

represents her self to be in her application for citizenship in said Nation,  
and that the said John A. Rhodes is a resident

Affiant further states that [redacted] has known the said [redacted].

Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from state-  
ments made to him by the said Alfred K. Jones Affiant states

Affiant further states that Le has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Le (who) to citizenship in the

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of June, 1906

My commission expires on the 26 day of February 1897

My commission expires on the 15 day of February 1897

Recd Sept 8/96

Ola R. R. R.  
by blood

Copy  
**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.**

State of Louisiana,

County of Terrebonne } ss

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared John J. Rhody, who after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 27 years of age, and a citizen of Terrebonne county and state of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with John J. Rhody who is an applicant for citizenship in the United States Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said John J. Rhody is the identical person who represents himself to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said John J. Rhody is of

Terrebonne that her maiden name was Spring  
she being the daughter of G.B. Spring who  
his appearance is evidently of mixed Indian blood  
and who (said G.B. Spring) is said to be a  
son of the late Franklin of the Choctaw  
tribe - and was born in the "Y" where  
the "Y" is

Affiant further states that he has known the said Ola Rhody personally for the past 17 years and knows that she is and has been recognized and treated by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said Ola Rhody indicate that the said Ola Rhody is of

Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said Ola Rhody Affiant states that the said Ola Rhody is of Indian Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Ola Rhody to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T. John J. Rhody

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of Aug 1896;  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said John J. Rhody and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

W.H.M. Clenden Notary Public.  
My commission expires on the 23 day of Jan 1899

**End**



A. L. Rice

A. L. Rice

Good Land 25 Sept 5th, 1896.  
Hon Jeff Gardner

O. C. C. M.

Hear Sir: I hereby make application  
to have my name enrolled as  
a Choctaw citizen: I inclose  
evidence that I have complied with  
the requirements of Law -

Hoping this will meet your  
approval I remain yours Truly  
A. L. Rick.

{Copy}

To any Minister of the Gospel or Judge of a Court of Records in the Choctaw Nation, Greeting:

That I D.W.Oakes County and Probate Clerk of Kiamichi County, Choctaw Nation, in compliance with an act passed Nov. 9th, 1875, and amended Nov. 10th, 1887. Do hereby issue this Marriage License to one A.L.Rice, a citizen of the United States to be joined in the holy bands of Matrimony to one Miss Annie Spring, a resident of and citizen of this County and Nation. In testimony of which I set my hand and cause the seal of Kiamichi County Court to be affixed, this the 15th, day of August, A.D. 1895.

D.W.Oakes,  
County & Probate Clerk  
K.C.C.N.

This is to certify that I have this day joined together in holy Matrimony the above named parties,

This August, 15th, 1895.

J.P.Gibbons,

Minister.

Recorded in Book No. 7 Page 480

This the 6th, day of September, 1895.

D.W.Oakes,

County & Probate Clerk,

K.C.C.N.

The Indian Territory } Before me  
Central District } ~~Attest~~ a  
Notary Public this day  
appeared S.B. Spring  
O.G. Gooding to me known  
and entitled to swear who being  
duly sworn says each are for  
himself that the foregoing  
attached documents are true  
correct copies of the originals  
exhibited to them today, and that  
they themselves the said Affiants  
are Choctaw Indians by Birth.  
S.B. Spring  
O.G. Gooding

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept. 1896.  
Attest  
Notary Public

**End**



William H. Richard

#1092

1072

William H. Richard

This Certifies that on the 11th day of  
December 1857 Mr W W Richards a citizen  
of the United States and Miss Fannie Smith  
of the County of Blaine Chas. Co. Vt. were  
by me united in Holy Matrimony according  
to the laws of God and this Nation  
O C Copeland  
Minister of the Gospel

This Certifies that Wm Richards and  
Fannie Smith were married by me  
Feb 8th 1877. W J B Lloyd

Carthage 20 Sept 1896  
Paul Harris  
Clerk D. V.

Dear Sir: Please find  
enclosed \$10.00 for which please  
send me certified copy of my  
marriage license to Fannie Smith  
who was married Dec 27th 1857  
Please return it immediately and oblige  
Yours truly, W W Richards

Clerk D. V. Sept 10th 1896  
Mr W W Richards Dear Sir: I am sorry I can  
not find your marriage certificate record  
in my office I have searched and checked  
and cannot find such any more  
Yours truly  
J C Harris  
Clerk D. V. Sept 10th 1896

No —  
Wm Richards  
as  
Charles H. H. H.

For the Commission to the said  
In matter of the claim of Wm  
Richard to citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation

Petition

William Richard petitions for his claim  
above relates That on the 17th day of December  
1857 he was married to Emma Ann Hackins  
a citizen of the Choctaw Nation by blood and  
a recognized citizen of the Choctaw Nation that  
said marriage was entered into in conformity  
with all requirements of the laws of the Choctaw  
Nation regulating marriages between non citizens  
and citizens of the Choctaw Nation at the time and  
now solemnized by C C Copeland a regularly  
ordained Minister of the Gospel.

That subsequently after the death of his said  
wife Emma Ann Hackins Richard being  
then an intestate citizen of the Choctaw Nation  
being compliant with all the laws regulating  
the laws of the Choctaw Nation at the time of  
his first said marriage, he was again married  
on the 8th day of February 1877 to Cornelia  
Harris in accord with the laws and customs  
of the Choctaw Nation at that time regulating  
marriages between citizens of the Choctaw Nation  
which said law required no license that  
said marriage was solemnized by Rev W B Boyd  
that he has continuously since before the time  
of his first said marriage lived and resided  
in the Choctaw Nation that he now lives and  
resides in the said Choctaw Nation



With his last and present living wife Cornelia  
(Anna) Richards who is a Choctaw Indian  
by blood and a recognized and enrolled  
citizen of the Choctaw Nation

That he has made inquiry of the Circuit  
Court for the record of his license and  
and certificate of his first marriage to his  
first wife Cornelia Richards and that he  
and several others that Choctaw can not be  
found of record, that he did procure a  
license upon petition after having visited  
the Choctaw Nation and gave thanks and  
paid for said license the sum of five dollars  
being the amount then required by law to marry  
the said Cornelia Richards a citizen of the  
Choctaw Nation by blood and was married  
therein and by authority thereof by the said  
Circuit Court Minister of the Gospel found  
that he has always been recognized as a citizen  
and accorded all the privileges thereof  
that his name is not enrolled as a citizen  
as he really believes

Wherefore your petition prays that  
his name be enrolled as a citizen of  
the Choctaw Nation

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
8th day of September 1896

and)

J. H. H. H.

Notary Public

Before the Commission on the Claims of the  
in making of the Claims of the Choctaw Nation  
to citizenship on the Choctaw Nation

(Affidavit of Matilda Manning)  
Affidavit of Matilda Manning having  
been duly sworn on the oath that she  
she was personally acquainted with  
"Mrs Ann Jackson who married William  
Richards the petitioner and knows her to be  
a Choctaw Indian by blood and a  
recognized citizen of the Choctaw Nation

That the Affiant is a citizen  
of the Choctaw Nation by blood and  
a resident of the town of Caddo Indian  
Nation

Matilda Manning.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 8th day of September 1896

United States of America ( )  
Indian Affairs ( )  
Caddo Indian Nation ( )

Wm Richards, Clerk on oath that he saw  
Hancock mail a registered package for Wm  
Richards addressed to Suff. Jackson, Chief  
Bush Kohna, D. B. and that the Registry  
Receipts were attached to the receipt  
therefor. Wm Richards  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
8th day of September 1896

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Before the Commissioner of the Interior  
in relation to the claims of Com. Richards  
to citizenship on the Choctaw Nation

(Affidavit of Malinda Manning  
affirming that Malinda Manning having  
been duly sworn on the oath states that  
she was personally acquainted with  
William Ann Jackson who married William  
Richards the petitioner, and knows him to be  
a Choctaw Indian by descent and is  
recognized as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation

That the affiant is a citizen  
of the Choctaw Nation by blood and  
a resident of the town of Osage, Indian  
Territory

Malinda Manning  
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 21st day of September 1896

United States of America ( )  
Indian Territory ( )  
County of Indian Territory ( )

Wm Richards, Clerk on oath that he saw  
H. Hancock send a registered package for Wm  
Richards addressed to Huff Jackson, Chief  
Bushyfork, D.C. and that the Registry  
Receipts were attached to the receipt  
therefor

Wm Richards  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
11th day of September 1896

**End**



William Ricketts  
#236

William Ricketts

Ricketts William

Ricketts Freddie C.

Ricketts Dawsey M.

Affidavit of  
R. L. Clover  
resident of the  
Cherokee Nation

Duplicate

Seen to and subscribed  
before me this 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of Aug 1896

W. A. Stone  
Co Clerk

(Choctaw Nation }  
Red River County)

Personally appeared before me W. A. Shiver, Co  
Clerk of the Court of said Nation and County, R. L. Clover  
resident of the Choctaw Nation, who deposes and says he is  
well acquainted with Wm Ricketts and his children.

Fredie Ricketts and Darsey Ricketts, they were very small when  
their Mother died, these children Fredie & Darsey, are the one  
eighth Choctaw Indians, they being legal heirs of Lida Ricketts  
(formerly Jordan), a one quarter breed Choctaw, whose name  
was Caroline Jordan (formerly Peabworth) she was a daughter  
of Patsy Peabworth (formerly McCar) a full blooded Choctaw.  
So it is a known fact that these children, Fredie Ricketts  
and Darsey Ricketts, are one eighth Choctaw by blood.

R. L. Clover



Apparent of  
Chas. S. Smith  
to the  
Electro-Station

Chas. S. Smith

was in the car connected  
to the 15th  
day of May  
W. H. Smith  
C. C. Smith

(Choctaw Nation)  
Red River Co }

Personally appeared before me W. A. Honey  
Co Clerk of the Court of said County and Nation, J. S. Davis,  
citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who being duly sworn, deposes and  
says, that he is well acquainted with Wm Ricketts, who is a non-citizen  
resident of the Choctaw Nation, married to a one quarter breed  
Choctaw Indian, whose name is Lydia Ricketts formerly Gordon,  
she had two children to the said Wm Ricketts, viz: Freddie Ricketts  
age 11, and L. Dawson Ricketts aged 7, who are one eighth Choctaw  
Indians, as their mother was a one quarter Choctaw, as she was  
the daughter of Caroline Gordon, formerly Blount, a half  
breed Choctaw, and was as citizen enjoyed all the rights of  
Choctaws, being the daughter of Peter Blount, formerly McLean,  
a full blooded Choctaw citizen and registered as such, and drew  
annuity money, as it is plainly seen that the said children  
Freddie Ricketts & Dawson Ricketts, are the Choctaws by blood, for  
they possessing one eighth Choctaw blood.

J. S. Davis

Affidavit of  
Bill Butter  
Citizen of the  
Choctaw Nation

Duplicate

Subscribed and  
sworn to before me  
this 15<sup>th</sup> of Aug 1896

W. A. Shreeve  
Co Clerk

Choctaw Nation }  
Red River County }

Personally appeared before me <sup>Bill Butler</sup> W. A. Jones, Co  
Clerk of the Court of said County and Nation, who deposes and  
says that he is acquainted with all Pelworth's family.  
And Fredie Ricketts and Dansey Ricketts are the legal heirs  
of Lydia Ricketts, (formerly Jordan) and Wm. Ricketts.  
Lydia Ricketts is a descendant of Pelworth family, she was  
one quarter Choctaw, her mother was a half-breed  
Choctaw, whose name was Caroline Jordan (formerly Pelworth),  
she was a daughter of Peter Pelworth (formerly M. Can) a  
full-blooded Choctaw, and recorded on the old Choctaw account  
book as such, These children Fredie Ricketts & Dansey Ricketts  
are one eighth Choctaw-Indians.

Bill <sup>this</sup> Butler  
mark



3 Will Butler

Shelburne

Red River County

Before me personally appeared

Wm. Ricketts who being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is residing in the town of Shaw, who are partly settled in the rights of citizenship in the (Shelburne) town, as set forth in the above application and that he has duly read the same and that the same is true upon his information and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Co Clerk

of said County this Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1896

W. A. Moore

Co Clerk

Application of  
Wm Ricketts  
for his children  
Gedie & Dawson  
Ricketts

Duplicate

To the Hon Dames Commission, to the Hon Civilized  
Indians.

Gentlemen,

The undersigned citizen of the United States,  
resident of the Choctaw Nation most respectfully  
represents to your honorable body, that he married to  
Leta Jordan a one quarter breed Choctaw woman  
in the state of Arkansas, who died in 1891, nearly five  
years ago. Before death, she gave birth to two children  
viz: Fredie C. Ricketts age 11, and Darius M. Ricketts age  
7, who are one eighth Choctaw Indians from mother's  
side, the father of these children the mother of these  
children was a one quarter breed Choctaw Indian,  
being the legal heir of Caroline Jordan (formerly  
Pebworth) a half-breed Choctaw Indian, and was  
recognized as citizen of the Choctaw Nation, by the  
proper authorities, whose mother was Peter Pebworth  
(formerly M. C. Can) a full-blooded Choctaw Indian  
who at the same time enjoyed all rights, privileges  
and immunities of the Choctaw Nation, as citizen.  
In view of the above facts, the undersigned petitioner  
believes that the above named children should be recognized  
and enrolled as citizens of the Choctaw Nation. Wherefore  
all the premises aforesaid considered, the undersigned  
respectfully asks of your honorable body to pass upon the  
claim of these children for citizenship in the

Choctaw Nation.

Witnesses

Wm Ricketts

Petitioner

1 J. Y. Davis

2 R. L. Jones

3 Bill Butler

Choctaw Nation

Red River County

Before me personally appeared  
Wm Ricketts who being duly sworn, deposes and  
says, that he is speaking for his children who are  
justly entitled to the rights of citizenship in the  
Choctaw Nation, as set forth in the above application  
and that he has duly read the same and that the same  
is true upon his information and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Co Clerk  
of said County this Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1896

W. A. Jones

Co Clerk

Application of  
Wm Ricketts  
for his children  
Gus & Darius  
Ricketts

Duplicate

**End**



maggie F. Richerson

maggie F. Richerson

Richerson Maggie Frances  
Richerson John S.  
Richerson Quanah  
Sanner Willie  
Sanner Louie  
Sanner Jesse  
Sanner George  
Sanner Walter  
Sanner Arie L.

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*M. J. Parker* Evidence including  
*M. J. Richardson* *H. A. Sanner*  
*vs*  
*Choctaw Nation* *vs*

Application For Citizenship  
Before The Commission To The Five Civilized  
Tribes -

Your petitioner being duly sworn under oath  
states that her name is Maggie Francis Richardson aged 36 yrs  
that her Post office address is Velma, Id. That she is  
entitled by blood and descent to Citizenship in the  
Indian Territory for the following reasons to wit  
That her maiden name was Maggie Tucker -  
That her mother was Jane Frazer and a Choctaw by  
blood - That this applicant was in 1877 married  
to W. A. Sumner and was enrolled as Maggie Fran-  
cis Sumner (see Ex A") That her six children by  
Sumner were also enrolled - In the year 1892 W. A.  
Sumner died - and by some means this applicant and  
her children failed to get her annuity (see Ex B Filed her  
with). On the 8th day of August 1895 this applicant  
was married to John S. Richardson <sup>a U.S. citizen</sup> under and in accor-  
dance with the laws made and provided for U.S. Citizens  
in the Indian Territory (see Ex C) That they are now  
living together as husband and wife - This applicant was  
re-enrolled and has lived in the Choctaw and Chickasaw  
Nations all of her life - Applicant's family consists  
of John S. Richardson, her husband aged 46 yrs. Willie  
Louie, Jesse, George and Walter, boys and Aris E.  
a girl, all minors, children by W. A. Sumner -  
and Quannah a son by J. S. Richardson!  
All of whom this applicant asks to be enrolled



as members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians in the  
Indian Territory. Your petitioner states the above  
as the lawful grounds of her application for her  
Citizenship in the said Choctaw Nation and prays  
that her claim may be fully investigated by this Hon  
Commission and that she and her family be adjudged  
Citizens of said Nation of Indians and entitled to all the  
rights, privileges and immunities pertaining  
to such Citizenship in accordance with the laws  
and treaties made with said tribe of Indians.

W. L. Gilbert & Attorney for applicant  
I Maggie J. Richardson do solemnly swear that  
the matters and facts set forth in the above  
petition are true.

Maggie J. Saunen  
John J. Richardson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896.

Thos H. Smoot  
Notary Public

Deal

STATE OF Ind. Ty.  
COUNTY OF Pickens

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared Harriet Gordon who after being duly sworn states that she is 46 years of age, and is a citizen of Pickens County and State of Ind. Ter. and that she is personally acquainted with Maggie Francis Richerson Who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Maggie is the identical person she represents herself to be in her application for citizenship in said Nation and the said that she is a daughter of Jane Frazier who married Carroll Tucker. That Jane Frazier was enrolled and recognized fully as an Indian. She was a daughter of Thos. Frazier Thos. Frazier was nearly a full blood I am Maggie's sister, and know of the facts I speak of my own personal knowledge

Affiant further states that she has known the said Maggie for the past 36 years and knows that she is and has been recognized and treated by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of said Maggie Richerson indicates that she is an applicant is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances, and from statements made to by the said affiant states she has every reason to believe that the said Maggie Richerson is Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Maggie F. Richerson except as a sister files for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.  
Harriet Gordon,

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, this 15 day of August, A. D. 1896 and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Harriet Gordon and know her to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

My Commission expires on the 15 day of August, 1898

Thos. Smoot,  
Notary Public.

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AFFIDAVIT OF

*Marret Landon*

Witness in claim of

*J. S. Richardson & Maggii*  
*Francis Richardson*  
for Citizenship in *Choctaw* Nation.

## Marriage License

United States of America }  
Ind. Terr. } S. S.  
Southern District

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You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. J. S. Richerson of Velma I.T. aged 45 years, and Mrs. Maggie Sanders of Velma in the Indian Territory aged 35 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

Witness my hand and seal of office  
this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1895.  
Joseph W. Phillips,  
Clerk of the U. S. Court

Certificate of Marriage.

United States of America )  
Ind. Terr. ) S. S.  
Southern Division

I John Martin  
a minister ~~do hereby~~  
certify that on the 8th day  
of August A.D. 1895, I did duly  
and according to law, as



Commanded in the foregoing  
License, solemnize the Rite and  
publish the Banns of Matrimony  
between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this 5th  
day of August A.D. 1890.

My credentials are  
recorded in the office of the  
United States Courts, in the  
Indian Territory, Southern  
District, Book A - page 117,  
John Martin  
a Minister.

Note - This License and Certificate of marriage  
must be returned to the office of the Clerk of the  
United States Court in the Ind. Territory, from  
where it was issued, within sixty days  
from the date thereof, or the party to whom  
the License was issued will be liable in  
the amount of One Hundred Dollars \$100.

United States of America }  
Indian Territory }  
2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Division }

Lyon Woods a member of the Choctaw Indian Tribe or Nation, by marriage, and Bessie Holmes, a Choctaw by blood and Halborn Wade a Choctaw Indian by blood; being by me duly sworn deposed and say that they each and all are well acquainted with W. A. Sanner and Maggie Francis Sanner his wife, and know them to be recognized citizens of the Choctaw Nation, he having intermarried with a Choctaw Indian woman by blood; that they have six children the issue of said marriage to wit: (1) William Thomas, a boy 16 years old 2<sup>nd</sup> Louis, a boy 14 years old 3<sup>rd</sup> Jesse Lee a boy 10 years old, 4<sup>th</sup> Annie Lotta, a girl 7 years old, 5<sup>th</sup> George Kaniff, a boy 4 years old, 6<sup>th</sup> Daniel Walter a boy 2 years old.

Lyon Woods

Bessie Holmes

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1892. Witness my hand and seal as  
notary Public for 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Division. H. J. Court.

my commission expires on the 8th day  
of April 1896.

*Seal* The name of Susan Woods wife  
of said Lyow Woods is erased and  
the name of Betsey Thomas interplated  
by request of W. A. Samson  
who exhibits what purports to be  
authority for so doing, signed by  
Wilbur Woods Wade and Betsey  
Thomas

J. H. Newbern  
Notary Public

Copy of The Original by D.B.  
Robuck Atty. Witness,  
Kiametize County,  
Choctaw Nation Et.

Oct the 21<sup>st</sup> 1877.

This is to certify that we the  
undersigned do hereby recognize  
William R. Samner a citizen  
by marriage of the Choctaw  
Nation.

Witness,

J. J. Pritchlynn  
Ben Robuck  
W. R. Robuck

This is to certify that I personally  
know Jane Frazier. She  
was my own Aunt the  
mother of said Maggie  
Samner citizen of Wade  
County

Thos. W. Frazier



Evidence,  
Sanner  
vs.  
Choctaw Nation.

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United States of America }  
Indian Territory }  
3rd Judicial Division }

Lyon Woods a member  
of the Choctaw Indian Tribe or  
Nation, by marriage and, Bessie Homes,  
and a Choctaw Indian by blood and  
Wilburn Wade a Choctaw Indian by  
blood; being by me first duly sworn  
deposed and said that they each know  
and are well acquainted with W. A.  
Sanner and Maggie Francis Sanner  
his wife and know to be a recognized citizen  
of the Choctaw Nation, he having  
intermarried with a Choctaw woman  
by blood; that they have six children  
the issue of said marriage, to wit:  
(1) William Thomas, a boy 16 years of age,  
(2) Lonie, A. a boy 14 years old, (3) Jesse  
Lee, a boy 10 years old, (4) Annie  
Lotta, a girl 7 years old, (5) George  
Kauiff, a boy 4 years old and (6) the 6th,  
Daniel Walter a boy 2 years old.

Lyon Woods  
Bessie Homes

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 1892.

Witness my hand and seal,  
as Notary Public for the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Judicial Division, of the United  
States Court

J. H. Newbern  
Notary Public

My commission expires on the  
8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1896.

Seal  
The name of Susan Woods wife  
of of said Lyon Woods is erased  
and the name of Betsy Homes  
interpolated by request of W. A.  
Sauer who exhibits what purports  
to be authority for so doing  
Signed by William Wade and  
Betsy Homes.

J. H. Newbern,  
Notary Public

This is to certify that W. A. Sanner  
did on the 24th day of June 1893,  
send a list of his family including  
his wife and children only, to  
me by one of his little boys to  
present to the census commission-  
ers of this county which is (Saw Bait)  
he (Mr Sanner) being sick at  
the time and could not attend  
the registration himself.

I further certify that I turned  
said list over to Mr. J. B. Forest  
one of the board of Registration  
for Saw Bait County.

Respectfully

W. E. Hall,

Notary Public.

Seal



**End**

Samuel m. Riddell

#772

Court no 99


Samuel m. Riddell

Riddell, Samuel M.,

Riddell, Edna M.,

Riddell, Grace,

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF THE  
INDIAN TERRITORY. AT SOUTHERN, I.T.

A. M. Reddell, et al.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

CHECKED BY THE COURT.

To the Hon. C. S. Wilson,  
Attorney General of the Cherokee Nation.

WE are hereby notified that an appeal from the judgment of the  
Jury Commission, in the United States Court for the Central District  
of the Indian Territory, at South Wabash, has been perfected in the  
above styled case.

A. M. Reddell  
By M. M. Reddell, et al.

Notary Public.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION OF

*Samuel M. Piddell* Et. Al.,

FOR

Enrollment in *Choctaw* Nation

Filed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_\_\_\_

Sec. U. S. Com. Five (iv. Tribes.

*McM. Amiey*

Attorney for Petitioner.

CAPITAL PRINT. South McAlester, I. T.

5/4/99

## Application For Enrollment.

Before the United States Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians:

Samuel M. Riddell Et. Al.,  
PETITIONER,

Choctaw VS. Choctaw  
Nation, Indian Territory.  
RESPONDENT.

APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner Samuel M. Riddell states that Allen Victor  
was a Choctaw Indian by blood, was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
State of Mississippi and enjoyed all the rights, privileges  
benefits and annuities of other Choctaws Indians by blood in the said Choctaw  
Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said Allen Victor appears,  
or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said Choctaw Indians for the year 1882.

That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said Allen Victor to-wit:  
that the said Allen Victor had a daughter  
by name, Nancy, who is the mother  
of Applicant

That under the constitu-  
tion, laws, usages and customs of the said Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of  
the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a cit-  
izen and member of said Choctaw Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the  
rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other Choctaw Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner persons, as follows, to-wit:  
Samuel M. Riddell, a Applicant, and Fifty Two years of age  
Edna M. Riddell (ne) Clark, Grand Daughter, and Twenty four years of age  
Grace Riddell, Grand Daughter, and Nineteen years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that his name, with those of

his said descendants to-wit: Edna M Riddell  
(M) Charrson And Grace Riddell  
and that they be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges  
and immunities of other Choctaw Indians, in and to the Choctaw Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONERS.

The aforementioned petitioner, Samuel M Riddell says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

Samuel M Riddell  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5/4/99 day of July 1896.

Notary Public.

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| No.                                 |                |
| APPLICATION OF                      |                |
| Samuel M Riddell Et. Al.,           |                |
| FOR—                                |                |
| Enrollment in                       | Choctaw Nation |
| Filed on the                        | day of 189.    |
| Sec. L. S. Com. River, Tribes       |                |
| Attorney for Petitioner.            |                |
| CAPITAL PRINT. South Webster, I. T. |                |



**End**

Billie Risher  
#1211

Billie Risher

Risher Billie

Risher Mary

Risher Jimmy

Risher Abe *Ab*

*Risher John*

# AFFIDAVIT.

John Frenchman, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says:

That he resides at Garlandville, State of Miss; that he is 58 years of age; that he knows Billy Risher the claimant, and that he is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife Mary Risher  
 Husband Billy Risher  
 Claimant's Father Toke Pisatanchokebi  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
 Claimant's Father's Father Lou Pisatanchokebi  
 Father's Mother OKlamoctobi  
 Mother's Father \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
 Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_  
 Indian Great Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_

## CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

|                        | SEX.     | AGE.     |           | SEX. | AGE. |
|------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|------|------|
| 1. <u>Jimmy Risher</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>9</u> | 6. _____  |      |      |
| 2. <u>John Risher</u>  | <u>a</u> | <u>8</u> | 7. _____  |      |      |
| 3. <u>Abi Risher</u>   | <u>"</u> | <u>3</u> | 8. _____  |      |      |
| 4. _____               |          |          | 9. _____  |      |      |
| 5. _____               |          |          | 10. _____ |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 20th day of August, 1896.

John Risher his father Frenchman



State of Illinois }  
Isabel County } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 20 day of August, 1896,  
before me A. Jaycock J.P., personally came  
John Henchman

..... well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

A. Jaycock Justice of the Peace

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CASE No. 30

AFFIDAVIT

**End**

Ella Ritter

#1558

Ella Ritter

Ritter Ella

Ritter W.E.

Ritter David



To The New Dances Commission  
Vinita Ind. Ter.  
I am Petitioner Ella Ritter  
aged 37 years wife of W. E.  
Ritter I am a resident of the  
Choctaw Nation My post office  
address is Wadley Ind. Ter.  
I make this application to  
your honorable body for the  
purpose of being placed on  
the revised rolls of the  
Choctaw Nation and of their  
entitled to share in the distrib-  
ution of funds and allotment  
of lands in the Choctaw Nation  
and I herewith submit the name  
of my son David Ritter aged  
18 years, and ask your honorable  
body to grant unto him the  
same right by virtue of his  
Choctaw blood. Also my  
husband W. E. Ritter aged 26 years

Breanna I am  
a Choctaw Indian by blood  
I am a daughter of Elizabeth  
Allen M. M. Elizabeth Donald  
and a sister to  
John Goodrich

I was married to  
W. E. Ritter in the year 1889  
W. E. Ritter is a white man a  
Citizen of the United States.  
We have enjoyed ever since we  
was married all the rights  
accorded other bona-fide Citizens  
of the Cherokee Nation in the  
way of owning and improving  
land. — The Cherokee Nation  
and Employing Non-Citizen  
Renters, and I herewith appear  
hereto permit for  
a Non-Citizen Renter for the  
year 1899 in support of  
same

Your petition files herewith  
the affidavit of Elizabeth Allen  
the Elizabeth Dona is as  
additional proof in support  
of same  
Ella Ritter

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1896  
my Comm. Expires  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1899  
John W. Johnson  
Notary Public  
In the Central Dist of  
the Indian Territory

Oudian Territory  
Central Dist

Personally appeared  
before me a Notary Public  
within and for the Oudian  
Territory

Elizabeth Allen ne Elizabeth Donald  
who after being duly sworn  
according to law deponent  
and says. I am 63 years of  
age. My post office  
address is Wood End Tex  
I am personally acquainted  
with Ella Ritter wife of  
W E Ritter and that she  
is my daughter by my  
first husband D. A. Donald  
do  
Elizabeth Allen

Subscribed and Sworn to  
before me on this 10th  
day of Sept 1896

My Comm Expires

Dec 20 + 1899

John W. Richardson  
Notary Public

Book No 1

Office of Collection of Permits  
No 53      Roubidoux County C 22  
This is to certify that J. H. Ritter  
has complied with the late permit  
law and is registered according  
as being in the employ of  
H. E. Ritter for 12 months  
from Jan 1st 1891 as a farmer  
W. D. Harrison  
per J. D. Bunch D.C. Permit Collector Roubidoux County

Indian Territory 2  
Central Dist 3

I John W. Robinson do hereby  
certify that the within and  
foregoing is a true copy of  
original permit sent this  
day to the Dawes Commission  
at Washington and in  
witness my hand and seal  
this 4th day of Sept 1896  
my com. expires      John W. Robinson  
Dec 10 1899      Notary Public



**End**

William G. Robbins

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William G. Robbins

- Robbins William G.

- Robbins Nancy Jane

- Robbins William J. A.

- Robbins Andrew J.

- Robbins<sup>s</sup> David

- Robbins George W.

- Robbins Dolly

- Robbins<sup>s</sup> Richard E.  
Robbins, Mary A.

Application for Enrollment as Members of  
The Choctaw Tribe or Nation of Indians.

To the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes:

Your petitioners William G. Robbins and Mary A. Robbins, in their own behalf, and Nancy Jane Robbins, William J. Robbins, Andrew J. Robbins, David Robbins, George W. Robbins, Dolly Robbins and Richard E. Robbins, the minor children of said William G. Robbins and Mary A. Robbins, by their next friend and father William G. Robbins, respectfully represent and show to your Honorable Body, that the aforesaid William G. Robbins ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> a one eighth Choctaw Indian, and that he is lawfully married to and living with his co-petitioner Mary A. Robbins, and that the other petitioners, Nancy Jane Robbins, William J. Robbins, Andrew J. Robbins, David Robbins, George W. Robbins, Dolly Robbins and Richard E. Robbins are the lawful children and minor descendants of the aforesaid William G. Robbins and Mary A. Robbins.

Your petitioners further show that that the aforesaid, William G. Robbins was the lawful child and descendant of Jeff Robbins, who was a one fourth Choctaw Indian, and that the said Jeff Robbins was the lawful child and descendant of Katie Robbins nee Bowhall who was a one half Choctaw Indian, and was during the year of 1864 and long prior thereto a member of the Choctaw Nation, and did at said time, live among the said Indians and enjoy all the rights of a Choctaw Indian and was at said time and long prior thereto recognized by the authorities of said nation as a member of the said Choctaw nation of Indians.

Wherefore the premises considered, your petitioners pray that their names be enrolled as members of the Choctaw Nation of Indians.

Andrew J. Robbins  
David Robbins  
Geo. W. Robbins  
Dolly Robbins  
Petitioners-

William J. Robbins  
Mary A. Robbins  
Nancy Jane Robbins  
William G. Robbins  
Richard E. Robbins  
Petitioners-  
Wickman & Wickman  
Attorneys for Petitioners

I, William G. Robbins, one of the above named petitioners, do solemnly swear that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true as I verily believe.

William G. Robbins

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 24 day of August 1896.

Seal

J. H. Canterbury.  
S. D.



Affidavit of William G. Robbins to be used in the matter  
of the petition of William G. Robbins et al for enrollment as  
Choctaws.

My name is William G. Robbins, my age is 36 years I reside  
near Whitefield, Indian Territory, I was born near Hot Springs in  
the state of Arkansas. I have lived within the Choctaw Nation for  
past 7 years. I am married to and living with Mary A. Robbins  
and we have had born to us the following named children who are now  
living, to wit:-

Nancy J. Robbins, age 17 years, William J. Robbins, age 14 years,  
David Robbins, age 6 years, George W. Robbins, age 4 years,  
Andrew J. Robbins, age 13 years, Dolly Robbins, age 3 years,  
Richard L. Robbins, age 4 months.

According to our family history as taught me ever since I was  
a child, I am a one eighth Choctaw Indian. I am the son of Jeff Rob-  
bins who was a one fourth Choctaw Indian. My father Jeff Robbins was  
the son of Katie Robbins ~~and~~ Lowhall before her marriage to my grand-  
father Robbins. She was a one half Choctaw Indian. My father died  
during the late war. I remember my grand-mother Katie Robbins, I  
went to school to her. We were then living in Arkansas. Grand-moth-  
er Katie Robbins had the appearance of a half breed Choctaw. Her hair  
was very coarse and black and was quite long-reached her waist. Her  
complexion was exactly like the complexion of a half breed Choctaw.

According to our family history, she was a young lady just grown  
when the Choctaw Indians were leaving the old Choctaw Nation  
east of the Mississippi River. She lived then and had lived all her  
life among the Choctaws in the old nation, with her people and was  
recognized as an Indian by the Choctaws. She and her people, about

~~Subscribed~~ and sworn to before me on this...<sup>24</sup> day of August, 1906

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Dear { J. A. ... number  
H. D.

State of Arkansas )  
(      Affidavit  
County of Garland, (

on this 22 day of June 1891 Personally appeared before me Thomas Robbins, and to me well known to be the Person he Represents himself to be and on oath makes the following Statement, (To Wit), that Katy Phillips, now living in the Indian Nation, is my Daughter. that my Mothers maiden name was , Katy Dehali, and that she married John H. Robbins, and that my Grand mothers was- Name was Hanner Dehloe, and that my mother was born in the State of Mississippi June 18th A. D, 1791 and that my mother was of Choctaw Descent.

Thomas Robbins.

Also personally appeared on the day and date mentioned above,

and

Robbins

and States on oath that the Said Thomas above mentioned is the identical Person he represents himself to be..

T. D. Willingham-

J. J. Brown

S. J. Simpson.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of June, 1891

Zack Phillips J. P.

Certificate of County Clerk was attached showing that the Justice of the Peace who took affidavit was authorized so to do.

State of Arkansas )  
(  
County of Sebastian)

Affidavit of David Robbins-

I, David Robbins, do state under oath, that my mother was of Choctaw descent, her maiden name was Caty Bowhall, and was married to J. H. Robbins. My grand mother, my mothers mothers maiden name was Harner Deflore, and married Bowhall. She was a Choctaw, I have been taught that my people were in Mississippi. My mother is dead. if she were yet three living she would be ninety years old.

his  
David Robbins.  
Mark

Witnessed by B. P. Davis,  
Paul Luck.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 22nd. Day of October, 1888

A. H. Patterson,  
Notary Public.

RECORDED IN THE CITY  
(  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK )



The State of Texas

County of Hunt.

This day personally appeared before an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for said county, C.L.Elder.

Person appeared before me, B.A. Vansickle age 70 years and William Treadway age 40 years, well known to me as respectable persons and citizens of this county, who was sworn and says that they are ~~xxx~~ acquainted with David Robbins who has made application in the Choctaw Nation for citizenship in and for said Choctaw Nation, and says that David Robbins has Choctaw blood in him, that he was and is a son of Katy Bohall, who was part Choctaw woman, so known and acknowledged by the Choctaw and white people during her life time.

W.J. Treadway.

Rev. A. Vansickle.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of August A.D. 1889.

C.L. Elder

Justice of the Peace, Ex-officio Notary Public.

Seal.

Hunt Co. Texas.

The State of Texas

County of Hunt.

This day personally appeared before C.L. Elder, Justice of the Peace in and for said county, Miles W. Vansickle age 47 years. And Thomas Vansickle age 43 years, says on oath that they are personally acquainted with said David Robbins who lives in Choctaw Nation.

Who has made application for citizenship in Choctaw Nation, and on their oaths says that he is a son of Katy Bohall, who was a Choctaw woman, and who lived in the state of Arkansas, and we know that David Robbins was her son, and has Choctaw blood in him, and we believe that he is entitled to his citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

M. W. Vansickle

Tom Vansickle.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of August A.D. 1889.

C. L. Elder, Justice of the Peace,

Ex-officio Notary Public,

Hunt Co. Texas.

Seal.

AFFIDAVIT OF MARY Mc DANIEL:

My Name is Mary McDaniel, my age is .....years, I live near  
....., Choctaw Nation. I know  
William G. Robbins. , I have known him all his life. I knew his father  
Jeff Robbins, and his grand mother Kate Robbins. Kate Robbins' name  
was .....before her marriage. I first became ac-  
quainted with Katie Robbins about the year of 18... . She was then  
living near .....in the state of .....  
..... I lived within .....miles  
of where she lived about .....years. I was often with her  
and heard her talk a great deal about her Indian blood and her family  
history. She told me and others in my presence that.....

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She had the appearance of an Indian: her hair was black and  
coarse and her complexion was that of an Indian. She died near  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

William G. Robbins is quite dark and his hair looks exactly  
like that of a Choctaw Indian.

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History Public



Wm. Robbins

(copy)

1880

**End**

Ernest Roberson

Ernest Roberson

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Ernest Robinson  
vs  
Choctaw Nation  
Application for  
Citizenship

W. M. Clendenen  
Mobile City, La



"Copy"

### Application for Citizenship

To the Honorable National Council of the Choctaw Nation - Indian Territory & the Dawes Commission

The undersigned your petitioner this day makes application for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation in the Indian Territory in accordance with the constitution & laws of said Nation & respectfully makes the following statement of the grounds of his application to wit

That he Ernest Robinson is the son of Lewis Robinson who the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging to said tribe. The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for this his application for citizenship by blood, and respectfully awaits the time when his application shall be duly heard & tried

Respectfully submitted

Age 14 yrs Post Office Eola Abbeville Co La,  
Family with their relationship attached is as follows.

No. Names - sex - age Relationship

Ernest Robinson Male 14 applicant -

~~Lewis Robinson Male - Father of " said~~

Correll " Mother of " "

No living relatives

In witness of which application I have set my hand on this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1896

Witness

T. H. Lewis

T. A. Stokes

Ernest <sup>his</sup> Robinson  
male

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896

Robert B. Irion

Notary Public

Approved copy of the original

## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

State of Louisiana,

County of Orleans

} ss

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared P. A. Slottes, who after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 52 years of age, and a citizen of Orleans county and state of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with Ernest Robertson who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Ernest Robertson is the identical person he represents him self to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said Ernest Robertson has always claimed

to be a Choctaw Indian of the full blood. That  
he speaks the language and has the com-  
plexion, features, manners and habits of  
an Indian and I have known him  
for fourteen years

Affiant further states that he has known the said Ernest Robertson personally for the past 14 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as full Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said Ernest Robertson indicate that the said Ernest Robertson is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to me by the said Ernest Robertson Affiant states that the said Ernest Robertson is of full Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Ernest Robertson to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

Signed

P. A. Slottes

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896;  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Thos A. Slottes  
and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

Robert R. Brown Notary Public.  
My commission expires on the 12 day of August 1901

**End**

George W. Roberts  
#597

George W. Roberts



Roberts George W.  
Roberts Annie Belle (wife)  
Roberts Myrtle May  
Roberts Homer

Application  
for  
Chestnut Enrollment  
George W. Roberts, et al.

Halsell & Barton  
Attys. for Applicant  
Paula Valley.  
J. T.

application for  
citizenship  
George Roberts

Done

John Coleman notary  
D. M. King  
Notary Public

Application for Citizenship  
United States of America Indian Territory  
The Hon Henry L Dawes, Chairman Dawes commission  
United S. T. your petitioner the undersigned being duly  
sworn on this oath respectfully state that his name  
is George W. Roberts age 27 years. Post Office Address  
McAlester S. T. and that he is entitle by marriage to  
citizen ship in the Indian Territory for the following  
reasons:

That in 1892 he married according to the united states  
law in force in said Indian Territory one Annis Bell  
Boswell who is a Choctaw Indian and is 30 years  
of age and is enrolled & registered as such in the  
Choctaw Nation That his family consist of  
the following named Person Wife Linnie Bell  
Roberts and two Children as follows Myrtle Roberts  
age 3 years Homer Roberts age 4 months  
and Respectfully asks to be enrolled to gather with  
each member of his family as a member of the Choctaw  
Indian in the Indian Territory your petitioner states  
the about application for citizenship in the said  
Choctaw Nation and prays that his claim may  
be investigated by your honorable body and that  
he be adjudge to be a citizen of said Choctaw Nation  
of Indians and entitle to all the rights and privi-  
leges & pertaining there to in accordance with the  
laws & treaties made with said Nations of Indian  
Witness my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Aug 1896



G. W. Roberts

Subscribed & sworn to before me on this the  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of Aug. 1896 and I certify that I  
am not interested in the matter to which  
this claim relates

D. M. King  
Notary Public

True

application for  
citizenship

G. W. Roberts

Application of  
Geo. M. Roberts  
affidavit

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Indian Territory }  
Southern District }

on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Aug 1893 Before the undersigned  
a duly commissioned Notary Public in & for the  
Southern Dist. Ind. Terr. appeared in person  
Isaac Folsom and after being duly sworn  
states That his name is Isaac Folsom his age  
48 years and Post Office address is Centerville  
That from his father side he is a Choctaw  
Choctaw Indian and upon his mother side  
is a Chickasaw Indian

That he is acquainted with George W.  
Roberts a United States Citizen who in the  
winter of 1892 married Annie Belle Boswell  
who is 20 years old and who is a Choctaw Indian  
That he has know said Annie Belle Boswell  
now Annie Belle Roberts born seven  
or eight years That said George W. Roberts  
have two children as follows Myrtle  
May Roberts 3 years old Homer Roberts 4  
months old That said George W. Roberts  
with his family lives 15 miles north east  
from Mee Gee Tex.

Isaac Folsom

Subscribed & sworn before me this  
22<sup>nd</sup> day Aug 1896

D. M. King  
Notary Public.

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Application of  
Geo. W. Roberts  
affidavit



Subscribed and sworn before me this 24  
day of August 1896

William G. Wood

Notary Public

Wd

Application of  
George W. Roberts  
Affidavit

Indian Territory  
Southern District)

On this the day of Aug. 1896 before  
the undersigned a duly commissioned notary  
Public in and for the Southern District Ind. Terr.  
appeared in person Mollie Haybarger  
that her name -  
And after being duly sworn states  
that her name is Mollie Haybarger  
aged 24 years and her Post Office  
Address is Mc Gee, V. T. and is a Choctaw  
Indian that before her marriage with J. C.  
Haybarger her name was Mollie Boswell  
that in Jan. 1892 George W. Roberts  
with whom she is personally acquainted married  
Annie Bell Boswell a sister of mine that  
said Annie Bell Boswell was a daughter  
of William Boswell & Ellen Boswell and  
that her mother name before she married  
William Boswell was Ellen Mc Gee and that  
from her that we got our Choctaw Indian  
Blood that said Geo. W. Roberts and Annie  
Bell Roberts have two children living as  
follows Myrtle May Roberts whose age is  
3 years and Homer Roberts whose age is  
4 months that said George W. Roberts  
& family live 15 miles North East from  
Mc Gee V. T. Mollie Haybarger

Subscribed and sworn before me this the 24  
day of August 1896

William S. Moad

Notary Public

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Applicators of  
George W. Roberts  
Affidavits

**End**



R. D. Roberts

R. D. Roberts

To the Honorable Jeff Hudson  
Governor of the Choctaw nation  
Enclosed find copies of license and  
certificate of my Marriage which  
I have this day delivered to the Depts  
concerned for which I wish my name  
placed on the rolls of witnesses  
and if you can assist me any way  
in so doing it will be kindly  
appreciated by me Respectfully  
Yours  
Mourner R D Roberts  
And Le  
August 6 1896

copy Marriage certificate  
This is to certify that R D Roberts  
of Choctaw nation and Elipetha success  
of Choctaw nation were by me joined  
together in Holy Matrimony in Choctaw  
nation according to the ordinance God and  
the laws of the State of Choctaw nation  
on the 18 of July 1884 I R Hue  
Minister of the Gospel

officer  
J. J. Nelson  
Judge of Shreveport La. &c  
Shreveport La.

Mary Jane

of Mr R D Roberts Wiley  
and her July 16 1887

This is to certify to  
none at my concern that Mr R D Roberts  
a citizen of the United States has freely  
and in all respects complied with the  
laws regulating the marriage of white  
men to colored women therefore I J J  
Nelson County Judge of said County  
do hereby grant the said Mr R D Roberts  
license unto him to be lawfully  
united with his wife Mary Jane  
Nelson a colored woman given under  
my hand on this 16 day of July 1887

J J Nelson County Judge of  
said County



(Copy)

Gilmore & T  
August 26/96.

To the Hon. James Commerson  
Tirilla D.

Gentlemen

I have the honor of having been  
placed upon the list of citizens  
of the State of New York, and I hereby under-  
stand my obligation to you.

I hereby certify that I have been  
a recognized citizen in this State  
Law Nation, since my marriage  
to Elizabeth Wilson, a married woman  
On the 15th day of July 1887, at New York  
City, New York, and I have been  
also by the said State, and I have  
therein, and in public all claims for  
property in the United States, and  
further by the Certificate from  
Judge of the said County, and  
Judge of the said County, of marriage  
in accordance with the Record Book,  
and the Certificate of the said County.

I further certify  
that the Enclosed papers were  
left with Judge H. J. Wilson to  
be given to the Clerk for Record.  
on July 1887. Within 30 days thereafter.

The papers, the papers were handed  
me by Judge Wilson and the  
Clerk of the County, to whom  
I paid the fee for recording.

All records being destroyed of  
that date. I have this 20th day of  
August 1896. Paid for a re-record  
of said papers, by James Cullen  
County Clerk of Sugar Loaf  
County. I further certify that  
permits have always been granted  
me by the Courts of Sugar Loaf County  
for my Renters, and all other  
privileges of a Citizen. Except the  
drawing of money. I further  
certify that a true copy of these  
said papers, Certificate of marriage,  
marriage license, Oath, Certificate of  
Judge, Certificate of Records, and a  
copy of this application, has been  
forwarded to the Hon. Jeff. Gardner  
by Registered mail, this 26th day.

FRAME 1



Also a Certificate from the  
the second to the first. The first is  
the first to the second. The second is  
attached. I further certify  
that the enclosed papers were  
left with Judge H. J. Holson to  
be given to the Clerk for record.  
in July, 1880. Witness my hand this 1st day of July, 1880.

Subscribed & sworn to before me. this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of August 1896. J. R. Weir, N. P.

FRAME 2

(Copies of Marriage Certificate.)

Marriage Certificate  
This is to certify

That R. L. Roberts of Choctaw nation  
And Elizabeth Wilson of Choctaw nation  
Have by me joined together in

Holy Matrimony  
in the Choctaw nation according  
to the Ordinance of God and  
the Laws of the Choctaw Nation  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1834

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Minister of the Gospel

I James Culbertson County  
Clerk of Sugar Loaf County  
Choctaw Nation do hereby  
Certify that the within Marriage  
Certificate was filed in my  
Office for record - and duly  
Recorded at page 126. General  
Records no 13<sup>th</sup> of said County  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1846.

(Seal)

James Culbertson  
County Clerk

Copy

To Whom it may concern.

Know ye, I, N. J. Nelson, Circuit Judge of the 1st Judicial District of Oregon, do hereby certify that the within and attached papers, I. H. - An Oath, a marriage license, and a Marriage Certificate, dated respectively, July 4<sup>th</sup> 1881, July 5<sup>th</sup> 1881, and July 6<sup>th</sup> 1881, containing the marriage of Mr. J. H. Roberts & Mrs. M. E. Roberts, were duly recorded in the County of Clatsop, Oregon.

Further, I certify that the said papers were duly recorded in the County of Clatsop, Oregon, and that the said papers were duly recorded in the County of Clatsop, Oregon, and that the said papers were duly recorded in the County of Clatsop, Oregon.

I further certify that all the said papers, books, records, etc., relating to the said marriage, are destroyed, and there is now, no possible means of finding out whether said papers were recorded or not.

Signed N. J. Nelson

Circuit Judge of the 1st Judicial District of Oregon.

Witnessed and subscribed before  
me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1892.

Signed & sealed James C. Burton  
Clerk of Superior Court  
County of Hotchkiss, N.Y.



Office of the Marriage License  
County of San Francisco

and the Marriage License  
County of San Francisco

"Married on the 1st of July 1881"

It is to be certified to whom it may  
concern, that James D. Roberts  
a citizen of the United States  
has filed and in all respects  
complied with the law regulating  
the marriage of white men to  
colored women, and for  
that reason he is entitled to  
the same rights as white men  
and women. He and M. D. Roberts  
a woman of the same family  
were married on the 1st of July 1881  
at San Francisco.

Given under my hand  
on this 10th day of July 1881.

James D. Roberts  
County Judge of San Co.

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Filed in my place for record.  
And recorded at page 11  
General Records No. 11 on  
the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1860.

Deed James Alderson  
County Clerk  
Shannon County  
Rocky Mountain

Page 1

Case to be taken

Office of  
Judge of Superior Court County  
Cherokee Nation

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Presented and argued May 10th 1881

I do solemnly swear that I will  
honor, defend and submit to the  
Constitution of the Cherokee Nation  
and will neither claim  
nor seek from the United States  
Government or from the Judicial  
Influences thereof, any Protection  
Privilege, or Rights incompatible  
with the same, as presented to  
the Cherokee Nation by Treaty  
Agreements entered into between  
us and the U.S.

Judge W. D. Roberts

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
16th day of July 1881

Notary Public

Notary of Cherokee Nation

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Recorded at ...  
Records ...  
at ...

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APPLICANT FOR ENROLLMENT.

Before the Commission to the Five  
Civilized Tribes of Indians.

R.B. Roberts, Petitioner,

V. Application for admission to the Choctaw  
Choctaw Nation, Respondent.

Your petitioner, R.B. Roberts desirous of being placed properly upon the roll for citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and I hereby tender to you, Sir, my application for admission. I have been recognized citizen in the Choctaw Nation since my marriage to Elizabeth Wilson (Choctaw woman) on the 1st day of July 1887 as you will see by certificate hereto attached. I took my oath when July 1st 1887 where I relinquished all my rights of protection by the United States, and by certificate from Judge F. Wilson, County Judge, Canton, Mississippi of marriage in a divorce case, and a certificate of record of the Choctaw Nation. Proof of same is hereto attached.

Your petitioner further states that immediately after the marriage of the afore said party and himself he gave the date of marriage, license, and marriage certificate to Judge Wilson to have recorded and to be paid for the same, but the County Clerk at that time F. Wilson failed to put his certificate of record on said papers. All records being destroyed at that date, and on the 20th day of August have the afore said papers recorded by James Sullivan, County Clerk of Sugar Land County, Choctaw Nation. Your petitioner further states that he has always procured permits for his ventures as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and have always taken part in the elections of the Choctaw Nation, and been granted all the other rights of a citizen, except the paying of moneys. To all of which he submits copies in proof. That according to the constitution and usages of the Choctaw Nation and the treaties made of the United States made with the said Choctaw Indians your petitioner is intitled to be admitted and enrolled and to enjoy all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other Choctaw Indians in the Indian Territory.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that his name, be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of Choctaw Indians by blood.

James P. Hale  
Petitioner.

Your petitioner on oaths and test the facts and things in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge and belief.

M. D. Roberts

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July 1891.

Wm. G. Green  
Notary Public.

Seal

Marriage Certificate.

This is to certify  
That R. D. Roberts a  
Choctaw Nation and  
Elizabeth Wilson a  
Choctaw Nation  
were by me joined  
together in Holy Mat-  
rimony in Choctaw  
Nation according to the  
Ordinance of said and the  
Laws of the State of  
Choctaw Nation on the  
18 day of July 1887

J. B. Juce  
Minister of the Gospel  
of James Culbertson - County  
Clerk of Sugar Land County,  
Choctaw Nation. He hereby  
certifies that the within  
Marriage Certificate was  
filed in my office for  
record and was duly recorded  
at Page 126 - General Records  
No. 31 of said County and to  
24th day of August 1886.

(Seal)

James Culbertson  
County Clerk

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Marriage License of Mr. R. D. Roberts  
Maxey, Jud. July 16th 1887  
This is to certify to whom  
it may concern, that Mr.  
R. D. Roberts a citizen of  
the United States - has fully  
and in all the respects  
complied with the law  
regulating the marriage  
affairs of this State to Cha-  
cota woman, therefore  
I, N. J. Holman - County  
Judge of said County  
do hereby grant unto  
him the said Mr. R. D. Roberts  
a license authorizing him  
to be lawfully married  
to Mrs M. E. Nelson  
a Chactaw woman.  
Given under my hand  
on this 16th day of  
July 1887.

{Seal}

N. J. Holman  
County Judge  
of said County.



Filed in my office for  
record and recorded as Page  
79 - General Records "B"  
on this 24-th day of  
August 1886.

James Buchanan  
Gandy Clerk  
Superior Court  
Cincinnati,

Oath to be taken.  
Maxey. Ind. Ten July 16. 1887  
I do solemnly swear that  
I will honor, defend, and  
submit to the Constitution  
and laws of the Cherokee  
Nation, and will neither  
claim nor seek from the  
United States government or  
from the or from the judi-  
cial tribunals thereof, any  
protection, privilege or  
redress incompatible with  
the same as guaranteed  
to the Cherokee Nation  
by treaty stipulations  
entered into between  
us - help me God.

R. D. Roberts,  
Surrey, Ky and sub-  
scribed before me this  
16th day of July 1887.

N. J. Halpern  
Judge of Court  
of a record.

Filed in my office and  
heard at Page 79 - General  
Records No "B" on this 22nd  
day of August 1886.  
Harris

Seal

James Culherson  
County Clerk  
Sugar Creek County  
Chautauque

To whom it may concern  
Know ye that I  
N. J. Holson, Circuit Judge  
of the 1st Judicial District  
of the State of New York do hereby  
certify that the within  
and attached papers, to wit:  
An Oath of Marriage, Oath  
and a marriage certificate  
dated respectively July 16th  
1887 and July 18th 1887 per-  
taining to the marriage  
of Mr R. D. Roberts and  
Mrs M. E. Wilson were  
issued by me in file  
of said Judge of Superior  
Court, of the County of  
Albany, and I further certify  
that these said papers  
were by me handed to  
J. W. Macburtain, who  
was then clerk of  
said County, to be by  
him recorded, and after  
a convenient time the  
said papers were returned  
to me, I further certify  
that all papers, books,  
records, belonging



to said Clerk's Office of that  
date are destroyed and there  
is now no possible means  
of finding out whether said  
papers were recorded or  
not,

Signed N. J. Hallen  
Circuit Judge of  
the 1st Judicial  
District, C. N.

Recd

R D Roberts  
Petitioner

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J. M. & W. C.  
attys.

**End**

Elizabeth Robertson  
#1168

Elizabeth Robertson



Robertson Elizabeth

Robertson Eva Alice

Robertson Andie Mills

Robertson Bradley Chivers

Claims  
Elizabeth Robertson

Before The Commission to the Five Civilized  
Tribes

In the matter of the claim of Elizabeth -  
Robertson, nee Plundett, nee Leflore for  
enrollment on the Citizenship roll to be  
prepared by the Commission for the Choctaw  
Nation. The Applicant Mrs Robertson  
nee Plundett nee Leflore, would state  
her claim for Citizenship and enrollment  
and that her age is 38 years & her Post-  
Office is Forkville, Scott County, Miss

Also her children as follows to wit

Eva, Alice, Robertson age 6 years

Audie Mills " " 3 "

Bradley Chivers " " 1 "

The applicants would further state  
for their claims that they are Choctaw  
Indian by blood they being the  
children of Elizabeth Robertson nee Plundett  
nee Leflore)

The applicants would ask the Commission  
to confer Citizenship in to them on the  
grounds that they are Choctaw Indian by  
blood & to enroll their claims on the roll  
to be prepared by the Commission for  
the Choctaw Nation (Elizabeth Robertson  
Inmate and subscribed this 3<sup>rd</sup> of Sept 1896  
M. A. Gilbert, J. J. J.

State of Mississippi  
Leake County

Personally  
appeared before me, M. L. Gilbert,  
an acting Justice of the Peace in and  
for said County & State, D. J. Shurden &  
G. A. George, well known to me, to be  
reputable witnesses, who being by me  
first duly sworn, depose and say  
they have known Mrs Elizabeth Robertson  
nee - Plunkett nee Sefton, for years  
and know her to be the person she represents  
herself to be and believe the facts set forth in  
her application for Citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation, to be true and that Claimant's  
Affiants further state that they have always  
regarded her as having Indian blood in her  
veins. Affiants further state that they are not  
related to Mrs Elizabeth Robertson by blood  
or marriage and are not interested in  
the prosecution of her Claim for Citizenship  
in said Choctaw Nation

Witnesses

D. J. Shurden

G. A. George

Given under my hand and official seal  
This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1896  
M. L. Gilbert, J.P.



State of Mississippi, Leake County.

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Leake Court of the County of Leake in said State (said Court being a Court of record, and having an official seal), do hereby certify that My Gilbert, whose genuine signature appears to the annexed and foregoing certificate of affidavit, is now, and was at the date of said certificate, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, duly elected and qualified according to law; that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his said certificate is in due form of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my signature, and affix the seal of said Court, at Garthage, Miss., this the 5 day of Sept., A.D. 1896.

J. P. Bowil, Clerk.  
By \_\_\_\_\_, D. C.

**End**

F. R. Robinson

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F. R. Robinson

To the Honorable United States Commission:  
Your undersigned petitioner  
would respectfully represent unto  
your honor: That I am a white  
man by blood, that on September  
19th 1873 I obtained a marriage  
license from the regular authorized  
clerk of Blue County, Choctaw nation  
and ~~thereby~~ complying in every  
respect with the Choctaw laws, and  
on the 21st day of September, 1873.  
I was married to Salina Durant,  
a daughter of Rev. A. S. Durant,  
of Durant, D. T., who was both  
Choctaw and Chickasaw by blood,  
that I had five children by said  
marriage; That my wife, Salina ~~Robinson~~ <sup>me</sup>  
Robinson died April 1st 1884, and that  
on the 10th day of August 1884 I  
married a white woman by the name of  
Arayona Carter and have lived with  
her since. I have exercised all the rights of an  
intermarried citizen, but have never participated  
in any of the annuity. Therefore I ask your honor to have  
me enrolled as an intermarried citizen so I can share  
in whatever rights you accord them.

Respectfully

F. A. Robinson, Durant, D. T.



Central Judicial District  
Indian Territory.

Before me, W. A. Durant, a notary public  
in and for the District and Territory  
Oklahoma mentioned personally appeared  
W. A. Durant, to me well known, and  
after being duly sworn states upon oath  
that he was well acquainted with  
Salina Robinson, formerly the wife of  
said F. R. Robinson; That they lived at  
Durant, Ok. That said Salina Robinson  
was a Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian by  
blood and that said Salina Rob-  
inson and F. R. Robinson were lawfully  
married and lived together until her  
death; That said F. R. Robinson has  
always been recognized as a citizen  
and has always had all the rights  
of an inter-married citizen given him;  
That said F. R. Robinson is about 56 years old  
and resides at Durant, and is a  
Choctaw Indian by blood.

W. A. Durant,

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 7th day of August 1894.  
W. A. Durant  
Notary Public

Central Judicial District }  
Indian Territory }

Before me, W.A. Durant, a notary public in and for the District and Territory above mentioned personally appeared Pier Durant, to me well known and after being duly sworn, on oath says that he was well acquainted with Salena Robinson, formerly the wife of F. R. Robinson; That they lived at Durant; That said Salena Robinson was a Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian by blood, and F. Robinson was lawfully married and lived together until her death; That said F. R. Robinson has always been recognized as a citizen and has always had all the rights of an inter-married citizen given him; That applicant is 38 year old and resides at Durant and is a Choctaw Indian by blood.

Pier Durant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of August, 1894.

W.A. Durant

Notary Public.

Choctaw Nation }  
Blm County. }

To all to whom it may concern:

Whereas: Fredrick Robinson, a citizen of the United States this day applying for license in behalf of himself for the express purpose of being joined together in the band of wedlock by and between Selina Durant, a citizen of said nation and county. Therefore being satisfied that the said Fredrick Robinson has lived in the said nation the time required by law, I do hereby give said Fredrick Robinson license for the purpose above stated

Given under my hand and seal  
this September 19th 1873.

Caleb Simpson  
Circuit Clerk Blm County.

#18  
F. R. Robinson



Choctaw Nation }  
County of Blue, } In Term of County and  
Probate Court July 7<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Hon. F. R. Robinson, Gentling:

This is to certify that you are appointed  
as election judge to be held at  
Lurant Precinct on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 1896.

F. E. Falsom

County and Probate Clerk Blue County.

**End**

Jessie J. Robinson

Jessie J. Robinson

Central Judicial District  
Indian Territory  
To the Hon. United States Commissioner,  
Vinitz, I. T.

Your undersigned petitioner a white man  
would respectfully represent unto your honor  
that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1891, I married  
Minnie J. Robinson, a daughter of F. R. Robinson  
and Salina Robinson, and she was a grand  
daughter of Rev. D. S. Durant, and was both  
Choctaw & Chickasaw by blood. That I procured  
a License from the Clerk of the Court of Grayson Co.  
Texas, and was married there by C. J. Hinkle,  
a Justice of the peace, of that County.

Therefore I ask your honors to enroll my  
name with the citizens of the Choctaw & Chickasaw  
Nations, so I can share equally in whatever  
rights are allowed them by your honors.

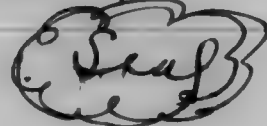
Respectfully

Jessie J. Robinson.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of Sept. 1896,

D. S. Durant

Notary Public.





Central Judicial District  
Indian Territory.

Before me N. A. Durant, the undersigned  
authority, a Notary Public, in and for the  
above named District and Territory.

personally appeared, F. R. Robinson, who after  
being duly sworn says on oath, that he is  
acquainted with Jesse J. Robinson, and his  
wife Minnie J. Robinson, that the said  
Minnie J. Robinson is his daughter and that  
she is a Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian  
by blood, that her mother Salina Robinson  
was a Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian  
by blood, and that she was a daughter  
of Rev. S. D. Durant of Durant, I. T.

F. R. Robinson

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of Sept. 1896.

N. A. Durant  
Notary Public



Central Judicial District  
Indian Territory

Before me, W. A. Durant, the undersigned  
Authority, a Notary Public, in and for  
the District and Territory above mentioned,  
personally appears, J. J. Gardner, to me  
well known, who, after being duly sworn says  
on oath, that he is acquainted with Joseph  
Robinson, and his wife Minnie J. Robinson,  
that he knows the said Minnie J. Robinson is  
a Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian by blood,  
that she is the daughter of Fred R. Robinson,  
& Salina Robinson, and a Grand-daughter  
of Rev. S. D. Durant, of Durant, I. T.

J. J. Gardner

Subscribed & sworn to before me, this  
the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1892

W. A. Durant

Notary Public

*(Signature)*

Marriage Certificate.

This is to Certify:

That Jesse J. Robinson, of Durant  
I. T. and Minnie J. Robinson of  
Durant, I. T. were by me joined  
together ~~by me~~ in Holy Matrimony.

at Sherman, according to the ordinance  
of God and the Laws of the State  
of Texas, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1891.

C. J. Hinkle,

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1.

Grayson County, Texas.

**End**



W. E. Robinson

#571

W. E. Robinson

Mr. M. E. Robinson  
TXD  
Cherokee Nation

Petition :

Copy

Before the Hon. James. Commissioner

Mrs M. E. Robinson }  
The Choctaw Nation } Petition for  
Citizenship

Now comes the plaintiff,  
Mrs M. E. Robinson, and states that  
she is now the lawful wife of Al-  
vin Robinson, a Choctaw Indian, and  
that she is the daughter of John  
Patterson, a Choctaw Indian by blood,  
and that her mother's name was  
Mary Jones Patterson, a Choctaw Indian,  
that she was first married to a man  
by the name of Price, and that she  
had one child by said Price, the  
name is. Mary Ann Price

Therefore plaintiff prays that the  
name of herself and daughter be  
placed on the roll of Choctaw Citizens  
by blood

M. E. Robinson

Sworn to, and subscribed before  
me, this 4th day of Sept. 1896  
J. Hancock  
Notary Public

Wm M. S. Robinson Esq  
Charters Notary  
Affidavit of  
Henry Byington.

Copy.

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Henry Byington  
Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 3 day of August 1896.  
J. E. Johnson.  
Notary of the  
Co. of Cook.



Affidavit of Henry Byington to be  
used in evidence in the case of  
Mrs M. E. Robinson and Mary Ann  
Tice - fair rights of citizenship  
Before the Honorable Downs Com-  
mission.

Henry Byington Personally appeared  
before me F. E. Falsom County  
and Probate - clerk in and for  
said County - Choctaw Nation and  
after being duly sworn by me  
and deposes and says: That my  
age is 45 years and a citizen  
of the Choctaw Nation and I was  
one of the commissioners to  
take the census of the Choctaw  
by blood in 1893. Mrs. M. E. Rob-  
inson's case was not investigated  
by this commission and did  
not register Mrs M. E. Robinson  
and her daughter, Mary Ann Tice.  
I am well acquainted with Mr  
Calvin Robinson, the husband  
of M. E. Robinson, claimant,  
and know Calvin Robinson  
to be a Choctaw citizen by  
blood and has been a resident  
of this county for a number

of years, and his name is  
on the rolls of 1898. Our  
investigation I find that  
M. E. Harrison and his daughter  
to be a Choctaw Indian by  
blood by her father and mother  
being both Choctaws by blood  
Henry Byington.

Sworn to - and subscribed before  
me this 3 day of August A.D.  
1896.

F. E. Tolson.  
Clerk of the  
Co. Court.

Mrs M. E. Harrison (deceased)

Choctaw history

Applicant - J.

Henry Byington.

copy.

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Miss M.E. Robinson Clk.

Choctaw Nation.

Appointed - 27  
Calvin Robinson

Copy

"B"

Affidavit of Calvin Robinson to be  
used as Evidence before the  
Hon. Dumas Commission in  
the case of Mrs. M. E. Robinson in  
Citizenship Case.

Calvin Robinson personally  
appeared before me F. E. Tolson  
County and Probate Clerk in and  
for Blue Co Choctaw Nation, being  
duly sworn according to Law  
deposited and says: My age is  
65 yrs. My Post-Office is, Caddo, P.T.  
I am a Choctaw Indian by blood  
and Mrs M. E. Robinson is my  
wife. I married her Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>  
day of January 1880 and she  
is entitled to enrollment with  
me as her husband. Mary Ann  
Jice is her daughter. I know  
some of the Pattersons, especially  
James Patterson to be Choctaw  
Indians.

Calvin Robinson  
Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 3 day of August 1896.

F. E. Tolson

Clerk of Blue Co.  
Court.



Affidavit of  
Mrs M. C. Robinson

Cops  
"9"

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
the 3rd day of Aug. 1896  
J. L. Folsom  
Clerk of Blaine Co. C. M.

Indian Territory.  
Blue county. C. N.

Before me - F. C. Folsom,  
County Clerk in and for the said  
County of said nation, personally ap-  
peared Mrs M. C. Robinson, who  
being duly sworn, deposes and says: that  
she is now the present and lawful wife  
of Calvin Robinson, a Choctaw citizen  
of said county, I am a daughter  
of John Patterson, a Choctaw Indian,  
and also my mother, whose name  
was Mary Jones Patterson or "Patty" a  
Choctaw Indian. My father, John Patter-  
son, died near Pottan in the Choctaw  
Nation. My mother, Mary Jones Patter-  
son, moved to Texas, my father being  
dead, and she died there, I was  
married to a man by the name of Mice  
and I have one living child by said  
Mice - by name Mary Ann Mice  
I have been living in the Choctaw  
Nation, which is my native home, 23  
years. I married Calvin Robinson January  
1880, my former husband, being dead.  
My maiden name was M. C. Pat-  
terson. I am 57 years of age

I have children by ~~some~~ my  
Present husband, who are already  
enrolled

Therefore I pray that myself and  
daughter, Mary Ann Price, may  
be enrolled with Calvin Robinson,  
my husband

M. E. Robinson

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 20th day of Aug. 1896

J. C. Folsom

Clerk of Blue Co. C. 76

Affidavit of  
Mrs M. E. Robinson

Copied "Q"

**End**



Lewis Rockett

#453

Court no. 212

Lewis Rockett

Exhibit

Affidavit of Geo. W. Biddle

Louis Rockett & Co  
vs

Choctaw Nation

Petition tomorrow

Central District  
Indian Territory

Affidavit of Geo. W. Riddle

Personally appeared before me a notary  
Public for the aforesaid District and State  
Geo. W. Riddle who being duly sworn before  
and says I am 54 years old a resident and citizen  
of the Choctaw Nation and well acquainted  
with the applicant Louis Rockett and his  
wife Lizzie Rockett and know that she  
was a Choctaw by blood and enjoyed  
all the rights benefits and immunities of  
such I know that the said Lizzie Rockett  
and the applicant Louis Rockett lived  
together after their marriage until his  
death in the Fall of 1894 and that a son  
was born unto said husband and wife  
in 1893 which they named Thompson M.  
Rockett said son and mother drew  
money in the case of the Payment  
to Choctaw Indians in 1893 The said petition  
Louis Rockett has since his marriage to  
the said Lizzie Rockett enjoyed the rights  
and privileges of other citizen and Choctaw  
citizens. Thompson M. Rockett is still living  
Geo. W. Riddle

Sworn and subscribed before me on this the  
29 day of Aug 1896. WM. B. Baird

my commission expires March 1897.

Notary Public

### Marriage License

Know all men by these presents that license is hereby granted unto Louis Rockett age 26 years a citizen of the United States and Mrs Siggie McHenry age 24 years a citizen of the Choctaw Nation to be united in holy bonds of matrimony therefore any minister of the gospel of Judge of Court of the Choctaw Nation are hereby authorized to perform the marriage ceremony uniting the above couple as husband and wife he having complied with the requirements of the laws of the Choctaw Nation. In testimony I hereunto sign my name with my official seal on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1891

Jackson James

### Certificate

Geo Blk Daines Co

This certifies that on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1891 I united the above couple in holy matrimony Mitchell Harrison at Wilberton, I. T.

Judge of District Court 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial

The above license and certificate were recorded in book "A" on page 21 on this Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1891. Jackson James

Geo Blk Daines Co.

Harts home Court House

Geo Blk Officer

Daines Co Choctaw Nat

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1891

This is to certify that the above is true and correct copy of the license



and marriage certificate of Louis  
Rockett and Mrs. Lizzie McKeeney  
as it appears on the book "A" on page  
21 in this office this Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1886

Jackson Nelson

As Atk James Co

A. Frank Reaser

Deputy

Central District } Affidavit of  
Indian Territory } Martha J. Moore

Personally appeared before me a  
Notary Public of the aforesaid Ter.<sup>nd</sup>  
Dist. one Martha J. Moore whom  
I know to be reliable and trustworthy  
and after being sworn by me deposes  
and says, My name is Martha J.  
Moore, I am      years of age I have  
resided in the Choctaw Nation      years  
and am the widow of the late Doctor  
J. N. Moore, and was lawfully  
married to the said Dr. J. N. Moore  
in the year 1874, and from said  
time we lived together as husband  
and wife until his death which  
occurred on the 24 day of May 1880.  
During said union I became the  
mother of three children that are still  
living named Ida, Clara and Sophie.  
The said Dr. J. N. Moore was a widower  
when we were married. His first  
marriage was to a Miss Sophie Tolson  
who was Choctaw by blood and with  
his said Choctaw wife Sophie Moore  
lived together as husband and wife  
until she died Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 1871. I am  
the daughter of Rev. R. J. Hogue who

came here as missionary to the  
Choctaw Indians in the year 18  
And he has since lived and labored  
among said people as a missionary.  
Since my marriage to said Dr. J. H.  
Moore I have enjoyed all the rights,  
privileges and benefits of other  
intermarried citizens of the Choctaw  
Nation.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1894 the  
aforesaid Miss Ada Moore <sup>my daughter</sup> was  
lawfully married to Louise Rockett  
in the town of Atoka I. T. they having  
since lived together as husband and  
wife.

~~My means of knowing the above  
is that I have been closely associated  
with the aforesaid Dr. J. H. Moore and  
his family for 29 years~~

Mrs. Mary J. Moore

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1894

L. C. Blossum.

Notary Public.

Exhibit

Affidavit of J. P. Nelson

Louis Rickett, Et. Al.

Choctaw Nation



Central District  
Indian Territory Affidavit of S. P. Nelson

Personally appeared before a Notary Public for the aforesaid Dist and Ter one S. P. Nelson who being sworn depose and say I am 50 years old a resident and citizen of the Choctaw Nation, am well acquainted with the applicant Louis Rockett and his wife Lizzie Rockett and know that she was a Choctaw by blood and enjoyed all the rights benefits and immunities of such she drew money in the Lease Dist Payment of 1898 at Wilberton, I. T. and I know that she and the aforesaid petitioner Louis Rockett lived together as husband and wife until she died leaving one child named Thompson, M. Rockett which is still living and enjoys all rights as a Choctaw by blood.

( S. P. Nelson ex & Pro  
Judge of Laine co. C. N.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1896. A. Frank Ross  
Notary Public

Hartshorne Court House

Gaines Co Choctaw Nat. I. T.

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 1895

Know all men by these presents that  
by the authority vested in me as  
Clerk of Gaines County Court I do this  
day grant unto Louis Rockett and  
Miss Ida B Moore license to be join-  
ed together in Holy Matrimony  
both being citizens of the Choctaw  
Nation

Any minister of the Gospel or  
Judge of Court in the Choctaw Nat  
is by these presents authorized  
to solemnize the bonds of Matrimony  
between the above named parties.

Respectfully signed and sealed  
on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September

Eighteen hundred and ninety five  
Jackson Nelson

Co and Prob Clerk of Gaines Co.  
A. Frank Rose.

Dep.

Certificate of Marriage

This is to certify that I ~~married~~ in Holy Ma-  
trimony as per license above Mr Louis Ro-  
ckett and Miss Ida B Moore at A. K. I. T. on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of Sept. 1895. Respectfully signed on this 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of Sept. 1895. Joseph S. Moore, Minister.

This is to certify that the above copy  
is an exact copy of the original  
copy of which it purports to be

A. Frank Ross.

Notary Public

Central District

W. S. Court, Ind. Ter.

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Central District  
United States Court  
Indian Territory  
August 20<sup>th</sup> 1896

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Affidavit of J. S. Morrow

Personally appeared before a notary Public  
for the aforesaid District and Territory one  
J. S. Morrow whom I know to be reliable  
and trustworthy and after being sworn  
deposed and says: my name is J. S.  
Morrow and I am sixty one years old  
have resided in this nation 31 years  
and in the town of Afton - 29 "  
was well acquainted with Mr J. H. Moore  
and know that he married a citizen  
of the Choctaw Nation by blood and  
they and their children were recognized  
as being citizens of said nation. She the  
said wife of J. H. Moore whose maiden  
name was Sophia. T. Folsom who died  
Feby 11<sup>th</sup> 1871 and in year of 1874 Mr J.  
H. Moore was lawfully married unto  
Miss M. J. Rogers and they lived together  
as husband and wife until the 24<sup>th</sup>  
day of May 1880 when he died leaving  
his widow Mrs. M. J. Moore with their  
three children Ida Clara and Sophia.  
to mourn his loss on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 1885 the aforesaid Miss Ida



more was lawfully married to Louis Rockett  
in the town of Hoka, D.T. They having since  
lived together as husband and wife.

My means of knowing the above is that I have  
been closely associated with the afore-  
said Mr. J. H. Moore and his family  
for 29 years, and

J. L. Morrow

Sworn and subscribed to before  
me on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1896

A. C. Blossom

Notary Public

will ever pray, etc.

*W. A. Smith*  
Attorney for petitioner.

The aforementioned petitioner, *Louis Rickett*, says that the statements set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *29th* day of *Aug*, 1896.

Notary Public.

*W. A. Smith*

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICATION OF  
*Louis Rickett* Et. Al.,  
FOR  
Enrollment in *Choctaw* Nation  
Filed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_\_\_  
Sec. U. S. Com Five Civ. Tribes.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney for Petitioner.  
CAPITAL PRINT, South McAlester.

# APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

Before the United States Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indian:

Lewis Rockett Et. Al. PETITIONER,  
VS. Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, RESPONDENT.  
APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner Lewis Rockett states that Lizzie Rockett was a Cherokee Indian by blood, was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in the last District Payment of 1893 and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and immunities of other Cherokee Indians by blood in the said Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said Lizzie Rockett appears or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said Cherokee Indians for the year 1898.

That the petition is a lineal descendant of the said Benjamin Hancock to-wit: She is a full daughter of the said Benjamin Hancock  
Your petitioner and Lizzie Rockett lived  
together as husband and wife from the date of our  
marriage Nov 4 1891 until in the Fall of 1894 when she  
died during our marriage life was born unto us a son  
which we named Thompson H. and said son is still living with  
us and drew his \$703 in 1893 at the last District Payment. In the Fall  
of 1895 your petitioner married Ida Moore a daughter of Mr J. H. Moore who  
married a Cherokee woman named Sophia Johnson in 1871 said Lizzie's wife  
died and Mr Moore married a white woman in 1874 named Mrs J. H. Moore  
That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other Cherokee Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner One persons, as follows, to-wit: Thomas M. Rockett a boy and Thur years of age

Your petitioner claims that his said wife  
Ida Rockett is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation inasmuch  
as her father got his citizenship in the said nation and married  
his white wife (Miss Martha J. Hogue) before the law of the said  
prohibits such a marriage therefore the said Mr. Hogue  
did not relinquish the rights previously acquired but  
said rights are still in full force and effect.

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that his name, with those of

his said descendants to-wit: Thomas M. Rockett also  
the name of his wife Ida Rockett whose father gained  
citizenship by marriage and marriage with a white woman  
before the law of 1876 against <sup>by such marriage we are to be</sup> be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges and  
immunities of other Choctaw Indians, in and to the Choctaw Nation or  
Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

And in support of said claim herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence namely: set  
Affidavit by Rev J. S. Moore Exhibit "A" 2<sup>d</sup> Marriage  
license Exhibit "B" 3<sup>d</sup> Deposition by Exhibit "C"  
and

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner  
will ever pray, etc.

A. Frank Rose  
Attorneys for petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner, Louis Rockett says that the statements  
set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1896.  
A. Frank Rose  
Notary Public.

|     |                      |     |                |        |              |        |      |                                   |                          |                                 |
|-----|----------------------|-----|----------------|--------|--------------|--------|------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| No. | APPLICATION OF       | FOR | Enrollment in  | Nation | Filed on the | day of | 189. | Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes. | Attorney for Petitioner. | CAPITAL PRINT, South McAlester. |
|     | <u>Louis Rockett</u> |     | <u>Choctaw</u> |        |              |        |      |                                   |                          |                                 |



**End**

Evaline Rockwell

Evaline Rockwell

Rockwell Evaline  
- Rockwell Frank L. ✓  
- Barrett Kate E. - *nee Rockwell*  
Rockwell Frank A.  
Rockwell William W.  
Rice Nellie  
Haskins Phoebe  
Rockwell Gertrude  
Rockwell Martha  
Rockwell Mable  
Rockwell Pearl  
Rockwell Nora D.  
Rockwell Rupert  
Barrett Valient  
Barrett Ellen  
Barrett Evaline  
Barrett Leeta  
Barrett Frank  
Barrett William  
Rice Ollie  
Rice Lucy  
Haskins Evaline  
Barrett Mike T. ✓

Application For Enrollment.

Before The United States Commission Of The Five Civilized Tribes Of Indians.

Mrs. Evaline Rockwell et-al : Application For Admittance and  
vs : Enrollment.  
: To the above mentioned Hon.  
: Commission:

Choctaw Nation Indian Territory:

Your petitioner, Mrs Evaline Rockwell, States that ~~Quilla~~ Nail a Choctaw Indian by blood was duly recognized, and acknowledged by the proper Authorities of the Choctaw Nation, and as such enjoyed all the rights, privileges, and benefits of a Choctaw Indian, and the name of J Jennie Nail, appears or should appera upon the authenticated rolls of s said Choctaw Nation of Indians. ~~That the~~

That the petitioner are all lineal decendants of the said Jennie Nail to-wit- Frank .L. Rockwell, married Jennie Nail's daughter.  
That Mike .T.Barrett married Kate Rockwell, granddaughter of Jennie Nail,

That under the Constution, Laws, usages, and customs, of said Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the Laws of the United States, and Treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner, is entitled to admission admittance, and enrollment, as a citizen and member, of said Indian Tribe of Indians, in the Indian Territory, and entitled, to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other tribes of Indians by blood. That there are now living, legal decendants, of your said petitioner, 22 persons as follows, to-wit-: Kate .E. Barrett, Frank A. Rockwell, William W. Rockwell, Nellie Rice, Phoebe Haskins, Gertrude Rockwell, Martha Rockwell, Mable Rockwell, Pearl Rockwell, Nora .D. Rockwell, Rupert Rockwell, Valient Barrett, Ellen Barrett, Evaline Barrett, Leeta Barrett, Frank and William Barrett, Ollie Rice, Lucy Rice, Evaline Haskins.

Wherefore premises considered, your petitioner, prays that the names and persons herein spoken of, and mentioned, and whose names, are herein stated and mentioned, be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other Choctaw Indians in and to the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, in the Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray&c.

The aforementioned petitioner Evaline Rockwell, says that the statement set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true) and ~~according to her best knowledge and belief.~~

Signed Evaline Rockwell.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 21st, day of August 1896,  
T.B. Carey, Notary Public.

Indian Territory, Southern District. I P. .BMonical hereby certify, that I have examd hte foregoing petition and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original. Given under my hand and seal this the 27th, day of August 1896.

*P B Monical*  
Notary Public



Caddo 2<sup>d</sup>. July 30<sup>th</sup> 1891.  
To Whom it may Concern  
This is to Certify that Frank  
Rockwell is an applicant for Citizen-  
ship in this Nation whose case is  
pending

Respectfully  
W. N. Jones  
P. C. C. N.

Seal

I Certify the above is a correct copy  
S. B. Carney  
Notary Public

Southern District  
County of Pickens  
Chickasaw Nation 25.

} On this day personally appeared  
before me H. A. Wells a. Notary Public  
within and for the above named Southern  
District 25. A. H. Stail who being duly sworn  
stated that he was personally acquainted with  
Jemier Stail, I know that her Father was a  
Choctaw Indian by blood. I saw her when  
she left Tennessee to go West, I do not re-  
collect the year. It was between 1832 and  
1836. I never saw her after she left Tennessee.  
Jemier Stails Father's name was Agwilla Stail.  
(Signed) - A. H. Stail

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this  
the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896

H. A. Wells  
Notary Public



Chickasaw Nation  
County of Pickens  
Southern District

} I J. B. Carny do certify that the above  
is a true copy taken.

J. B. Carny  
Notary Public

State of Kansas }  
Bourbon County } ss.

Canton, Bourbon County, Kansas  
August 14<sup>th</sup> 1896.

This is to Certify that I became acquainted  
with Asa Ellis and Jennie Ellis (his wife)  
and Evelyn Rockwell daughter of Asa Ellis & Jennie  
Ellis on or about Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1866. and that the  
said Jennie Ellis claimed to have Indian blood  
in her veins and that her maiden name  
was Jennie Nail.

Alfred Cleal  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of August 1896.

H. J. Stone

Notary Public

(Seal)

My Com as Notary Exp Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1896.

I certify the above to be a correct copy

S. B. Carney

Notary Public

State of Kansas  
Counbor County, 3d.

Tulles Kansas August 14<sup>th</sup> 1896

To all whom it may Concern

This is to certify that I the under-  
signed Mr. Phoebe Hill became acquainted with  
Ara Ellis and Jennie Ellis (nee Hill, his wife)  
sometime in the year 1863. when he came to  
Kansas (Counbor County) with his family all of  
single as far as I know. The family consisted  
of a widowed daughter Martha Parker  
Staney who subsequently married George Benze  
Anna " " " Joseph Elliott  
Eveline " " Frank B. K. K. K.  
Alfred. I have forgotten his wife name  
Mr. Ellis and his family always claimed Irish  
blood, but I have forgotten the tribe she claimed  
to have belonged to.

Mr Phoebe Hill

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of August 1896.

H. J. Stone

Notary Public

Seal

My Com Exp Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1896.

I certify the above to be a correct copy

S. B. Cary

Notary Public



Territory of Oklahoma  
Blaine County - T.S.S.

John J. Caudthers of lawful age, being  
first duly sworn states that he knew John  
and Annie Nail in Mississippi first of the  
year 1844 A.D. and came with them to the  
Choctaw Nation in 1844. and they settled  
on Boggy Creek near Ft Gibson. Ind. He  
states that Jennie Nail was an own daughter of  
Julien Nail and was an adopted daughter of  
John Nail. That Julien Nail was a quarter blood  
Choctaw Indian and belonged to the tribe in  
Alabama

J. J. Caudthers  
Subscribed and sworn before me this the  
17<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1896.



H. W. Gilbert  
Notary Public

My Com Exp Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1898

I Certify the above to be a correct copy  
L. B. Cady  
Notary Public

**End**

John F. Roe

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John F. Roe

Application for  
Choctaw Enrollment  
John Folsom Roe.

L. O. Barton  
Atty for Applicant  
Pauls Valley  
S. T.

L. O. Barton  
Atty for Applicant  
Pauls Valley  
S. T.





Application for citizenship  
United States of America  
Indian Territory

The Honorable James D. Sargent

Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Your petitioner John F. Roe is a citizen of the State of Tennessee, but he is a lineal descendant of Molly a full blood Choctaw woman and Samuel S. Mitchell a white man, that his great grandmother Sophia Mitchell was recognized in the treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek in Mississippi the Indians as a daughter of J. Mitchell & Samuel Mitchell see Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek and approved by the Senate Sept. 8 1846.

Your applicant John F. Roe a citizen of Tennessee respectfully applies for the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Choctaw Indian Nation, and respectfully prays that his name be enrolled as a citizen of the said Choctaw Tribe.

Applicant further states that he is a great grand son of Sam. Mitchell, a full blood white man and Molly, a full blood Choctaw woman who were married in old Choctaw River about 1775 on the 28th day of August A.D. 1817, and that he is a grand son of J.B. Hancock, a full blood white man, and Sophia Mitchell, daughter of the said Sam. Mitchell by his wife Molly a Choctaw woman aforesaid, who were duly and legally married on the 28th day of August, 1817, in the County of White, State of Tennessee, as shown by their marriage certificate marked Exhibit " " and made a part of this application.

That applicant is a son of Mrs Caroline Roe, nee Miss Caroline Hancock, now deceased, and Jno. F. Roe her husband as aforesaid, who

(2)

were duly and legally married, to wit:- on the 26th day of October, 1852 in the County of Choctaw, State of Alabama, as shown by their marriage certificate marked Exhibit " " and made a part of this application.

Applicant further states that he was born in Dooksville Choctaw ~~Indian~~ Nation Indian Territory on the ~~th~~ day of November, A D 1859, and that he is of mixed descent, having one eighth (  $1/8$  ) Choctaw and seven eighths (  $7/8$  ) white blood; and that he has never heretofore made application for the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Choctaw Indian Nation.

Applicant further states that his grand mother Mrs. Sophia Turner, nee Mrs Sophia Hancock, nee Miss Sophia Mitchell, was a citizen of the said Choctaw Indian Nation; that she was enrolled as such and lived for many years in the Choctaw Indian Nation before her death which transpired on the ~~day of~~ day of A.D. 184~~7~~ in the ~~Choctaw Indian Nation near Ft. Washita~~

Applicant further states that he can prove if permitted to do so the facts herein contained in this his application to be true as stated, a part of which being composed of affidavits which are hereto attached marked Exhibits " " to " " and which he desires to make a part of this application.

*John Folsom Roe*

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
Lauderdale County.

Personally appeared before me *W. White* Clerk of the *Circuit* Court of said County and State, John Folsom Roe who makes oath that the facts contained in the foregoing application are true as stated and acknowledges that he signed said application.

Signed and acknowledged in triplicate form before me this the *18* day of August, A D 1896.

*W. White* Clerk.

BARTON & LOGSDON,  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,  
P. O. BOX 243.

C. O. BARTON,  
S. C. LOGSDON.

WITNESSETH THAT the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible], and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said [illegible] has hereunto set his hand and seal of office, at the City of [illegible], State of [illegible], this [illegible] day of [illegible], 19[illegible].

JOHN T. ROE

1. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

2. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

3. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

4. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

5. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

6. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

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9. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

10. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

11. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

12. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

13. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

14. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

15. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

16. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

17. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

18. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

19. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

20. That the within and foregoing is the true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of [illegible] State of [illegible].

.....C. O. Barton.....

.....C. O. Barton.....



County of Madison, Mo.)  
( )  
County of Madison, Mo.)

Personally appeared before me W. D. Hanson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, & State, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, who are  
the following persons who state on oath that the following facts are  
true to the best of their knowledge and belief to wit: That \_\_\_\_\_  
Hos, do this Caroline D. Hancock and Judge William M. Hancock, were to  
children born to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and that they were to \_\_\_\_\_  
Hancock, and Sophia Mitchell, and that they were to \_\_\_\_\_  
and that by reason of their birth that  
they are of mixed blood, having three (3/4) white and one (1/4)  
Indian blood.

Signed and acknowledged )  
in the presence of me )  
this 27th day of August 1893. )  
W. D. Hanson Clerk.

E. C. Smith  
H. W. Thompson

BARTON & LOGSDON  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW  
P. O. BOX 255

J. D. BARTON  
S. C. LOGSDON

AFFIDAVIT, Southern District, I.T.

This may personally appeared before me David Mc Knight Sheriff of  
after being duly sworn states that at Fort Mifflin a certain John White  
near Hill I.T.; That he is the husband of James William M. Hancock and  
Mrs. Caroline Roe of Miss. born 1807 deceased. That they were the brother  
and sister respectively of your affiant's mother Mary M. Spain and  
the late Mary M. Hancock, that the said James William M. Hancock, Mrs.  
Caroline Roe nee Mrs. M. Hancock and Mary M. Spain nee Mrs.  
Mary M. Hancock were the parents of William Mifflin and Ja-  
mes M. Hancock deceased of Mrs. Roe deceased.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of August 1896.

David M. C. Knight J. Sheriff

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of August 1896.

J. D. Barton

Notary Public Southern District, I.T.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
Lauderdale County.

Personally appeared before me W. H. White Clerk  
of the Chancery Court D. C. Smith AND C. W. Thompson  
et al who state upon oath that the following facts are  
true as stated, to-wit:- That Caroline Roe, nee Miss Caroline Han-  
cock was duly and legally wedded to John F. Roe, a full blood white  
man, in Jones Bluff, Choctaw County, Alabama on to-wit:- The 20th day  
of October, 1852, and that from this marriage of the said Miss  
Caroline Hancock to Jno. F. Roe, aforesaid, there resulted issue as  
follows to wit:- a son named John F. Roe Jr, born in Dooks-  
ville Choctaw Nation Indian Territory, on the 11th day of November,  
A D 1859, and that the said John F. Roe is a music dealer and that  
his post office address is Meridian, County of Lauderdale, and State  
of Mississippi.

Signed and acknowledged in triplicate  
from this the 18th day of Aug. A D 1896.

D. C. Smith

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
Lauderdale County.

Personally appeared before me W. H. White Clerk  
of the Chancery Court for said County and State \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ who after being by me duly sworn deposes and says that  
the above affiants are known to him, and that they are in every  
way credible witnesses and worthy of belief.

Signed and acknowledged in triplicate  
from this 18th day of Aug. A D 1896.

W. H. White Clerk.

W. H. White  
Deputy Clerk

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
Lauderdale County.

Personally appeared before me D. C. Smith Clerk of the  
County Court of said County and State D. C. Smith and  
W. W. Thompson personally known to me as credible persons  
who state upon oath that they knew in her life time Mrs. Caroline  
Roe, nee Miss Caroline Hancock, now deceased, and that she was the  
legally wedded wife of Jno. F. Roe Sr; and that from the said mar-  
riage of Caroline Hancock to Jno. F. Roe aforesaid, there resulted  
issue as follows, to-wit:- a son named Jno. Folsom Roe Jr, born in  
Bookville Choctaw Nation Indian Territory on the 4th day of No-  
vember, A. D. 1859.

Witnessed and acknowledged in trip-  
licate form this the 18th day of  
August, A. D. 1890.

D. C. Smith Clerk.

D. C. Smith  
W. W. Thompson



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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
COUNTY OF LAUDERDALE.

Personally appeared before me, B.V. White, Clerk of  
the Chancery Court of said County and State D C Smith and  
W M Thompson who are personally known to me as credible  
persons who say upon oath that the following named party, Jno. F. Roe  
Jr is personally known to them, and that he is generally known and  
recognized as the son born in lawful wedlock of Mrs Caroline Roe  
and Jno. F. Roe, his alleged parents, in the communities wherever he  
has lived.

Signed and acknowledged in trip-  
licate form this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. A D 1896.

B V White Clerk.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
Tougaloo County.

Personally appeared before me J. A. White clerk  
of the Chancery court of said County and State, John Volcan Roe  
who after being by me duly sworn deposes and says that he is the  
grand son of Mrs. Sophia <sup>former</sup> Tabor, nee Mrs. Sophia Hancock nee Miss  
Sophia Mitchell to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Signed and acknowledged in triplicate

on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. A. D. 1896.

J. A. White Clerk.

John Volcan Roe

APPLICANT. Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.

This day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, known to me as \_\_\_\_\_, who claims to be personally known to me as \_\_\_\_\_, a line \_\_\_\_\_, of White Oak Hill, Chickasaw Nation, I.T. who has been \_\_\_\_\_ of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and claims to be entitled to citizenship by virtue of such citizenship, having been \_\_\_\_\_ by an act of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, dated \_\_\_\_\_, to wit: \_\_\_\_\_, to wit: \_\_\_\_\_, to confer citizenship on \_\_\_\_\_, and others, who were \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

We know Mrs. So-

phie Hancock was the daughter of \_\_\_\_\_, who was a full blood Choctaw woman. She was of Choctaw blood, being one-half Choctaw and one-half white woman. She was married and now her husband is a Choctaw citizen. She was the grandmother, being the mother of our mother Mrs. Mary H. \_\_\_\_\_, who was \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ citizenship in said Choctaw Nation by virtue of this relationship to said Mrs. Sophie Hancock, Affiant's Mrs. Sophie Tyler. Mrs. Tyler was \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ about the year 1867. We have no interest in the claim for citizenship of the heirs of Mrs. Caroline \_\_\_\_\_ and Judge William \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness our hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1896.

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1896  
Notary Public for the \_\_\_\_\_

*Wm. J. Gardner and Emma Fisher Choctaw*  
*Citizens of Chickasaw Nation*  
*Witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_*  
*are reputable & credible persons*  
*of high standing & character & Jack Gardner Secy. Dist. I.T.*  
*\_\_\_\_\_*

*C. O. Barton*  
Notary Public

**End**



Lizzie Roe

Lizzie Roe

Application for Enrollment.

Indian Pen  
Atoka County

Before me the undersigned a notary public the day  
personally appeared Lizzie Roe who after  
being duly sworn depose as follows.  
My name is Lizzie Roe nee Marshall. I am  
19 years of age and a citizen of the Cherokee  
Nation by marriage. My Post Office address is  
Coul Grove, Indian Pen. I was married to  
Colman Columbus Roe a citizen of the Cherokee  
Nation by blood. He is a son of Jack Roe &  
— Roe citizen of the Cherokee Nation by blood.  
We were married on 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896  
according to the laws & customs of the  
Cherokee Nation. We neglected to get a  
marriage certificate when we were married.  
I am duly recognized as a Cherokee citizen  
by my marriage and by the enrollment.  
Witness my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1896.  
Lizzie Roe

Witness  
J. W. Jones  
Fulmie Reed

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
September 1896

J. J. V. Army 29.

Indian Territory  
County S.

We the undersigned do hereby solemnly swear that  
we were present on 29th day of September 1894 & saw and  
saw the Lizzie Murrell found in the back of redish  
and they both are not living a man & wife.

Witness our hand this 7 day of September 1896

Witnesses to Murrells

J. H. Holcomb

J. K. Dyck

O. S. Weaver +  
John Phelps +

Seen to and submitted for me this 7 day of September 1896

J. J. Chambers  
Notary Public

Affidavit of Witness

In matter of William & Margaret of Lizzie  
Are applicants for enrollment as a Cherokee  
Citizen

Indian Terr.  
County.

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public the  
day personally appeared John Gibson who after being  
duly sworn depose as follows.

I am 36 years of age and a citizen of the  
Cherokee Nation of India. My Carl Office address  
is ~~Carl~~ Reverence Indian Terr. I am  
personally acquainted with the applicants and  
know that she married Columbus Roe a  
Citizen of the Cherokee Nation of India. They were  
married according to the laws & custom of  
the Cherokee Nation. Columbus Roe was a son  
of Jack Roe & Simmi Roe both citizens of  
the Cherokee Nation of India.

Witness my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896

John Gibson

Subscribed and  
sworn to before me  
this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September  
1896

J. J. Chamberlain  
Notary Public



Affidavit of Witness.

In matter of Petition<sup>ing</sup> Memorial of Lizzie  
Roe applicant for enrollment as a Colon  
Citizen

Indiana Pen

County

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public  
this day personally appeared Lillian Gibson who  
after being duly sworn states as follows.  
I am 42 years of age and a citizen of the  
Cherokee Nation by blood. I am acquainted with  
the applicant who is her husband Columbus  
Roe. He is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation  
by blood being a son of Jack Roe & Linaei  
Roe both Cherokee Citizens by blood. The said  
Columbus Roe & Lizzie Roe nee Morrell  
were married according to the laws & custom  
of the Cherokee Nation and by such marriage  
Lizzie Roe became a Cherokee Citizen  
and begs to be so enrolled.

Witness my hand this 7 day of September 1896  
Lillian Gibson <sup>her</sup> <sup>mark</sup>

Witness to Name

R. O. Granger

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Sept-  
1896

J. J. Chambers  
Notary Public

**End**

A. B. Roff

A. B. Roff

Reff, A. B.,  
Reff, Walter,  
Reff, Mabel,  
Clary, Mrs. Matilda,  
Clary, G. B.,  
Clary, Leonard B.,  
Clary, Lula Fay,  
Williams, Alice,  
Williams, Ivey,  
Williams, George,  
Reff, Leon



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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE, MAY 1, 1890.

Application of the heirs of the late John R. Roff and grand-children, to have their names placed on the roll of citizens as members of the tribe of Chickasaw Indians.

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The undersigned, John R. Roff and Walter Roff and Label Roff, heirs, and also John R. Roff, a son of John R. Roff as next-friend, and Mrs. Atilda Glary, a daughter of John R. Roff, a sister, and Paula Fry Glary, a daughter of John R. Roff, a next-friend, Atilda Glary; and Mrs. Alice Williams, an heiress, George Williams, and Mary Williams, a child of John R. Roff, by her mother and next-friend Alice Williams, and George Roff, represent and show to this Honorable Commission, that each and each of them are members of the tribe of Chickasaw Indians, and that they and each of them are of right entitled to have their names placed on the roll of citizenship, to be prepared for this Honorable Commission: ~~and~~ <sup>for</sup> these petitioners say: First: That on the 17th day of October 1890 the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation passed the following act: "An Act Granting Citizenship to the heirs of John R. Roff. Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the right of citizenship is hereby granted to the following named children and nephews of John R. Roff: Nancy, Amanda, Atilda, Cordelia and Johnannah. Approved Oct. 17, 1890.

C. HARRIS,  
Governor."

And these petitioners say that by reason of said Act of said

legislature that Matilda Courland became and was a member of the tribe of Chickasaw Indians as much so as if she had been a native born citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Second:

That on the <sup>24<sup>th</sup></sup> day of January 1867 the said Matilda Courland was duly and legally married to the petitioner A. B. Roff and that they lived together as husband and wife up to the time of the death of the said Matilda, and that by reason of the said marriage to said A. B. Roff, under the laws, treaties, and constitution as they existed and as they now exist, <sup>petitioner A. B. Roff</sup> became and ever since has been a member of the tribe of Chickasaw Indians as much so as if a native born citizen of the Chickasaw Nation with all the rights, privileges, and immunities of a native born Chickasaw.

Third:

That petitioner Matilda Roff, is the legitimate daughter of A. B. Roff and Matilda Roff, and that Leonard Clary and Eula F. Clary, minors, are the legitimate children of A. B. Clary and Matilda Clary, and the legitimate grand-children of A. B. Roff and Matilda Roff, aforesaid.

Fourth:

Petitioner further states that after the death of the said Matilda Roff, that the said A. B. Roff was again legally married on the 11th, day of November 1869 to Lenoreta Lavenport, and that he continued to live with his said wife up to the time of her death, and that during the time they lived together as husband and wife there was born unto them four children, and petitioners herein, to-wit: Alice Roff, now Mrs. Alice Williams, Leonard Roff, Walter Roff, and Mabel Roff.

Fifth:

Petitioners state that the said Matilda Roff, the daughter of A. B. Roff, a petitioner herein, by virtue of a marriage license issued by W. H. Duncan, County and Probate Judge of Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, was, on the 12th, day of February 1888 duly and legally married to

the petitioner, G. B. Clary, and that by reason thereof the said G. B. Clary became and was and ever since has been a member of the tribe of Chickasaw Indians, and that since their marriage there was born unto them two children, namely: Leonard Clary, and ~~William~~ Henry Clary, minors, and petitioners herein.

Sixth:

The petitioners further state that the said Alice Hoff, the daughter of A. B. Hoff and Henrietta Hoff, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1895 was duly and legally married to Henry Williams, and that at the said Williams by reason thereof became and was and ever since said date has been a member of the tribe of Chickasaw Indians, and that since their marriage there was born unto them a child, namely, Henry Williams, a petitioner herein.

Seventh:

Petitioners further state, that the act of the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation passed October 1891, which authorized said William Bourland and others, as aforesaid, has been adopted and confirmed by a vote of the Chickasaw Indians, and that ever since after the marriage of the said A. B. Hoff and Henrietta Hoff and until a few years ago said A. B. Hoff was recognized and treated as a member of the tribe of Chickasaw Indians by said tribe of Indians.

In support of the foregoing statements the petitioners herewith file affidavits, record evidences, copies of laws, &c., and further show by indorsement hereon, that the principal chief and governor of the Chickasaw Nation has been duly and legally served with a true copy of this application, and with a true copy of the evidences herewith filed.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, these petitioners pray that ~~their~~ their names be duly enrolled upon the roll of citizenship to be prepared by this Honorable Commission as members of the Tribe of Chickasaw Indians and will ever pray.

Forman & Herbert,  
Attys. for Petitioners



INDIAN TERRITORY -- SOUTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared A. B. Hoff, one of the petitioners in the foregoing application, who, after being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he has read said application, or petition, and is well acquainted with the contents thereof, and that the statements in said petition, or application, for citizenship are true.

*(Signature)* A B Hoff

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1906.

*(Signature)* James H. Hall  
Notary Public.

*Seated at the*  
*the Indian Territory*

L.S.

INDIAN TERRITORY --:-- SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Wm. H. Bourland who, after being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he was acquainted with Wm. H. Bourland, now deceased, during his life time, who was an own brother to the father of this affiant, Hubert H. Bourland; and he was acquainted with the daughters of the said Wm. H. Bourland, deceased, viz: Nancy, Amanda, Matilda, and Gordenia Bourland; that said affiant is 25 years of age, is a member of the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians of said, and is now judge of the County Court of Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory; that said affiant was born in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, but removed from that Nation to the Chickasaw Nation in the year of 1856, where he has ever since continued to reside; that his affiant knows, that in the year of 1856 the legislature of the Chickasaw Nation passed an act adopting the said daughters of W. H. Bourland, deceased, and his nephew, Hubert H. Bourland.

This affiant further states that either in the year 1867 or 1868, that after the treaty of the United States in 1866 with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, that a convention of delegates, composed of recognized Chickasaw Indians assembled at Camp Harris, a point about 10 miles from Vicksburg, and revised and codified the laws of the said Chickasaw Nation and prepared a constitution to be submitted to the Chickasaw people; that said laws were prepared and that said constitution was prepared and, to the certain knowledge of this affiant, the same was submitted to a vote of the Chickasaw Indians and, upon vote, of the said tribe of Indians, said laws and constitution, as prepared by said delegates, were adopted and confirmed; and this affiant knows, of his own personal knowledge, that the act of the legislature of 1856 adopting the daughters and nephew of the said Wm. H. Bourland;

deceased, was included and embraced in the laws so revised by said delegates and submitted to a vote of the Chickasaw Indians, as aforesaid, together with certain other laws and the constitution prepared by them.

Affiant further states that he was personally well acquainted with Amanda, Matilda, and Gordentia Bourland, the daughters of Wm. H. Bourland, deceased;

That the said Amanda was duly and legally married to Joseph H. Brown, who now lives in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory,

That the said Matilda was duly and legally married to A. B. Roff, who now lives in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.

That the said Gordentia was duly and lawfully married to C. J. McKenny, and that she is yet living, with her husband, in <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ Chickasaw ~~Nation, Indian Territory~~ <sup>County, Texas</sup>; that the said Amanda and Matilda are now both deceased.

Affiant further states, that in the year 1876 the laws of the Chickasaw Nation were revised and codified, and that on page 76 of the Constitution, Laws and Treaties of the Chickasaws of 1878 appears the following: "An Act Granting Citizenship to the heirs of Wm. H. Bourland. Sec. I. Be it enacted by the legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the right of citizenship is hereby conferred on the following named children and nephews of Wm. H. Bourland, : Amanda, Matilda, Gordentia and Run Hannah.

Approved: Oct. 7, 1876.

B. F. Overton, Governor."

And this affiant further states that this is the same law substantially as the one passed in 1856 ~~and 1867~~, as above stated, and that said act appears to have been passed and approved October 7, 1876, but affiant states that all laws as ~~as~~ codified, including all old laws, up to the date they were reported by the codifiers and adopted by the legislature were each signed by B. F. Overton, as governor of the Chickasaw Nation, and that he, in signing, dated the said laws as of

the date of the signing; but as a matter of fact, the law last referred to was not passed, but simply adopted by the legislature as reported by the codifiers as above stated.

This affiant further states that either in the year 1860 or 1861 the legislature of the Chickasaw Nation passed an act, which has subsequently been repealed, by which it conferred upon the judge of the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation the right to inquire into, decide and pass upon the rights of all persons claiming to be citizens or members of the Tribe of Chickasaw Indians, and that S. W. Carter was judge of the District Court during the time that this law <sup>was in force</sup> ~~enacted~~.

{Signed} W. Mc Boulevard

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 15th, day of August 1886.

{Signed} Jesse McNeill

Notary Public.  
Southern District of the  
Indian Territory -

L.S.



INDIAN TERRITORY -- SOUTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared A. B. Roff, who, after being by me first duly sworn, ~~deposes~~ deposes and says; That on the 17th, day of October 1856 the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation passed an act by which it adopted and conferred upon Nancy, Amanda, Matilda, and Gordentia Bourland, and Reece, or Run, Hannah, the right of citizenship in the Chickasaw Nation, and as evidence of this fact he hereto attaches to this, affidavit a certified copy of the original act, marks it exhibit "A" and makes it a part of this affidavit.

Second:

Affiant further states that on the 24th, day of January 1867 by virtue of a marriage license issued by the Clerk of the County Court of Cooke County, Texas, he was duly and legally married to Miss Matilda Bourland, she being the same Matilda Bourland adopted by said act of said legislature, and she being the daughter of Wm. H. Bourland referred to in said act of the Legislature; that the marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. E. Couch, an ordained minister of the Gospel; that this affiant cannot now produce the original marriage license and the return thereof, but he hereto attaches a certified copy of the original record of said marriage license and return, now recorded in volume 2, page 217 of the Record of Marriage License in Cooke County, Texas, and marks it exhibit "B" and makes it a part of this affidavit.

This affiant further states; that at the time he married Matilda Bourland, as aforesaid, there were no marriage laws in the Chickasaw Nation by which any particular form of marriage <sup>could</sup> ~~should~~ be consummated between members of the tribe of Chickasaw Indians, or between a member of said tribe and a United States Citizen, and that said marriage aforesaid was not contrary to the usages and customs

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of the Chickasaw Indians at the date it occurred.

Third:

This affiant further states that shortly after his marriage to Matilda Bourland he moved to the Chickasaw Nation and located on Red River in the Chickasaw Nation, north of the town of Gainesville, in Cooke Co., Texas, and resided there with his said wife up to the time of her death, which occurred on the first day of March 1868; and this affiant states that as a result of said marriage there was born unto him and his said wife one child, Matilda Roff, who is now married to G. E. Clary, and who now lives in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.

Fourth:

Affiant further states that after the death of his said wife, as aforesaid, he continued to reside in the Chickasaw Nation, and was then recognized as a member of the tribe of Chickasaw Indians by reason and by virtue of his marriage to the said Matilda Bourland; and that whilst he so resided in the Chickasaw Nation, he was again married to Miss Heneretta Davenport, in Cooke County, in the State of Texas on the 11th, day of November 1869, as is evidenced by a certified copy of the record of his marriage license taken from the Record of Marriage License of Cooke County, Texas, which is hereto attached, marked exhibit "C" and made a part of this affidavit.

Affiant further states that the original marriage license, by virtue of which he was married to the said Miss Heneretta Davenport, is now lost and cannot now be procured.

Affiant further states that since his marriage to Matilda Bourland, as aforesaid, his permanent home and permanent residence has been in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, but he states that during some of that time he has ~~temporarily~~ resided in Cooke County in the State of Texas, but never resided in said County more than six months at a time. That he has always claimed the Chickasaw

Nation as his home, and has always owned and maintained a home in the Chickasaw Nation; that this affiant since said date has been engaged in stock raising and farming, ginning, milling and other business and that all of his business has been located in the said Chickasaw Nation.

Affiant states that his said daughter, Matilda Roff, on the 12th, day of February 1890, by virtue of a marriage license issued by W. H. Duncan, County and Probate Judge of Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, was duly and legally married to George E. Clary, a United States Citizen, and that continuously since the marriage of his said daughter to said Clary they have lived together as husband and wife in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, and that since their marriage there was born unto them two children, <sup>B</sup> ~~in said~~, now living, whose names are: Lenord and Eula Fayette Clary, both minors.

Affiant hereto attaches a certified copy of said marriage license of Geo. E. Clary to Matilda Roff, marks it exhibit "D" and makes it a part hereof.

Fifth:

Affiant further states that as a result of his marriage to Henrietta Davenport, there was born unto him and his said wife the following named children, now living, to-wit: Alice Roff, now married to George Williams, Leon Roff, Walter Roff, and Mabel Roff.

Affiant further states that as a result of said marriage of Alice Roff to George Williams there was born unto them one child an infant, whose name is Inez Williams, and that his said daughter, Alice Williams, and her said husband, since their marriage have continuously resided in the Chickasaw Nation and lived together as husband and wife.

10 This affiant further states; that on the 11th, day of January 1882 he presented to B. W. Carter, then Judge of the District Court

of the Chickasaw Nation, a petition, a certified copy of which is hereto attached and marked exhibit "4" and made a part of this affidavit, <sup>requesting</sup> stating that the said R. W. Carter, as District Judge, passed upon the claim of affiant as a member of the tribe of Chickasaw Indians; and that on the said 11th, day of January 1882 the said R. W. Carter, as Judge of the said District Court, did pass upon and finally decide the right of this affiant as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, or member of the tribe of Chickasaw Indians, and held that this affiant was a bona fide citizen of the Chickasaw Nation; a certified copy of said decision of said District Court is hereto attached and marked exhibit "5" and made a part of this affidavit.

Affiant further states that on the 28th, day of August 1888, an effort was made by several members of the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians to have the Indian Agent at Muscogee, Indian Territory, to declare this affiant a non-citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and to have him declared an intruder in the Chickasaw Nation; and that said application was presented to said Indian Agent, to-wit: Rob't. L. Jones, and was, by him, passed upon, after all the evidence had been submitted both pro and con, and that the said Indian Agent, on August 28, 1888 passed upon the charges presented against this affiant, and held that he was not an intruder in the Chickasaw Nation; and as evidence of this fact, affiant hereto attaches a certified copy of the decision of said Indian Agent, marks it exhibit "6" and makes it a part of this affidavit.

This affiant further states that he has made an effort to procure the evidence submitted to said Indian Agent, but has thus far failed; that the same is now in the possession of said Indian Agent, unless the same has been destroyed since the rendition of said decision.

Affiant further states that since he was married to Matilda



Bourland, as aforesaid, and until a few years since, no member of the tribe of Chickasaw Indians, as far as this affiant knows, ever questioned his right of citizenship as a member of said tribe.

That this affiant has, on divers and sundry occasions, by the courts of the Chickasaw Nation, been treated and recognized as a member of the tribe of Chickasaw Indians; and at one time this affiant was tried for having violated the two place law, and was arrested on said charge and tried in the District Court in the Chickasaw Nation and was convicted of said charge, and that he appealed from said decision to the Supreme Court of the Chickasaw Nation where said case was confirmed; and that this affiant was fined in the sum of \$500.00 as a result of said trial in the District Court, which was confirmed by the Supreme Court, as aforesaid.

Affiant has made a diligent search and effort to procure a certified copy of the proceedings and judgment in said case, but has thus far failed. He believes if said record in said case has not been destroyed, that the same is now in the possession of the clerk of the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation, or in the possession of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the Chickasaw Nation; and can be by the Chickasaw Nation produced.

As evidence of the fact that this affiant has been recognized and treated as a member of the tribe of Chickasaw <sup>Indians</sup> Nation he hereto attaches a certified copy of a bond in the sum of \$50.00 that he executed as principal with B. F. Boyd and John Smith, as sureties, compelling this affiant's presence before the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation at its regular term on the second Monday in January 1880.

Affiant states that the original of this bond is now in the possession of said District Court, or the Clerk thereof, and by <sup>confirmed</sup> them can be produced. Affiant hereto attaches a <sup>confirmed</sup> certified copy of

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of said bond, marks it exhibit "I" and makes it a part of this affidavit.

Affiant further states that on the 19th day of January 1896, he was required to execute another bond, principal with Geo. J. Markens and J. W. Overton as sureties, for his personal presence before the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation in January 1896, and to remain there in attendance until the District Judge excused him and the said bond a copy of which is hereto attached, marked exhibit "I" and made a part of this affidavit.

That the original bond, which is a true copy, is now in the possession of the said Court or the Clerk thereof, and by them can be produced. *affiant further states that on the 19th day of March 1896 the Chickasaw Nation issued to him and three others, as witnesses of the bond, a copy of which is hereto attached, marked exhibit "I" and made a part of this affidavit.*  
Affiant hereto attached a receipt from Overton Keel, sheriff of Dickens County, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, dated September 15th, 1891, showing that on that date he paid the said sheriff ten dollars in payment of a fine imposed upon this affiant by the Judge of the District Court for the Chickasaw Nation for non-attendance at the April term of said District Court, marks it exhibit "J" and makes it a part of this affidavit.

Affiant hereto attached the original summons, marks it exhibit "K" and makes it a part of this affidavit; showing that on the 29th day of August 1899 the Clerk of the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation issued the summons, and that this affiant was served with a summons to appear at the court-house in the town of Ardmore at nine o'clock A. M. on the third Monday of November 1899, to stand there to serve as a juror in the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation of the Indian Territory. *(signed) A B Ruff*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 28th, day of Aug. 1896.

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L.S.

*Jesse H. Hall*  
Notary Public,  
Southern District Indian Territory

"Exhibit A"

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE CHICKASAW NATION,

THAT, the right of citizenship is hereby granted to the following named children and nephew of Wm. H. Bourlands.

Nancy, Amanda, Matilda and Gordentia and Reece Hannah.

Passed the House.

Overton Love, Speaker.

Attest

Holmes Colbert  
Clerk H.R.

Signed.

Jackson Kemp,  
President of the Senate.

Attest

Henry C. Long  
Secty. of Senate.

Approved October 17th, 1856.

Signed. C. Harris, Governor.

I hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of the original now on file in my office.

Tishomingo City.  
October 17th, 1856.

Signed. Benjamin S. Love,  
National Secretary,  
Chickasaw Nation.

Alva B. Roff,  
To  
Matilda Bourland.

SS.

"Exhibit B."

Be it remembered that on this 22nd day of January 1867, the following marriage license was issued, to-wit:

TEXAS, TO-WIT: COOKE COUNTY, S.S.  
TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING: Know ye that any person legally authorized to celebrate the rites of matrimony, is hereby licensed to join in marriage, <sup>as husband and wife</sup> A. B. Roff and Matilda Bourland and for so doing this shall be his sufficient authority.

In Testimony Whereof, I, J.G. Martin Clerk of the Cooke County Court hereunto subscribe my name and affix the of said Court, this 22nd day of January, 1867.

J.G. Martin,  
Clerk.

Revenue Stamp 5)

Be it further remembered, that on this 27th day of January 1867 the following certificate was filed in my office, to-wit:

Texas, To-wit: Cooke County. This certifies, that I joined in marriage, as husband and wife, Alva B. Roff and Matilda Bourland on the 24th day of January 1867.

E. Couch, M.G.

The State of Texas.

County of Cooke.

I, A.J. Thompson, Clerk of the County Court in and for Cooke County, do hereby certify that he foregoing is a true and correct copy of a marriage license of Alva B. Roff and Matilda Bourland as same appears of record in Vol. 2 Page 217 Record of marriages Cooke County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 25th day of August, A.D. 1896.

A.J. Thompson,  
Clerk County Court Cooke  
County, Texas .

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A.B. ROFF

To

Henrietta Davenport

Be it remembered that on the 8th day of Novr. 1869 the following marriage license was issued to-wit:

TEXAS, TO-WIT: COOKE COUNTY, SS.

To all who shall see these presents, Greeting: Know ye, That any person legally authorized to celebrate the rites of matrimony is hereby licensed to join in marriage, as husband and wife A.B. Roff and Henrietta Davenport and for so doing this shall be his sufficient authority.

In testimony whereof I, F.L. Cleaves Deputy Clerk, of the Cooke County Court hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said court this 8th day of Novr. 1869.

F.L. Cleaves,

Deputy Clerk.

Be it further remembered that on the 11th day of N. 18 the following certificate was filed in my office to wit:

Texas, to-wit Cooke County: This certifies that I joined as husband and wife A.B. Roff and Henrietta Davenport on the 11th day of ~~Novr.~~ Novr. 1869.

Thos. Barrett

Minister of the Christain Church.

The State of Texas, I, A. J. Thompson, Clerk of the County of ~~Cooke~~ <sup>Cooke</sup> ~~County~~ <sup>County</sup> do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of marriage license of A. B. Roff and Henerietta Davenport, as same appears of record on Vol. 2 Page 293 Record of marriage ~~license~~ Cooke County Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 25th. day of August A. D: 1896.

A. J. Thompson,

Clerk County Court Cooke County, Texas

SEAL.

Marriage Record for Pickens County,  
The Chickasaw Nation, Beef Creek,

County of Pickens. Feb. 10th, 1890.

Exhibit A

In pursuance to a petition presented, and by virtue of authority vested in me and finding that the petition sets forth all that all is required by law and ask that a license be granted to Mr. George F. Clary, a United States Citizen, to enter into marriage with Miss Matilda Roff, who is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and of lawful age; therefore I hereby grant said license to Mr. George F. Clary to consummate said marriage.

W. H. DUNCO,

County & Probate Judge Pickens Co., C. N.

Pickens County, ' I, J. R. Masters, hereby certify that  
Chickasaw Nation. ' I united George F. Clary and Matilda  
Roff in the Holy bond of Matrimony on  
this the 12th, day of February A. D. 1890.

I, J. R. Masters, hereby certify that I united George F. Clary and Matilda Roff in the holy bonds of Matrimony on this the 12th, day of February 1890.

J. R. Masters,

Minister of Gospel.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original handed me for Record. Recorded February 15th, 1890.

I. O. Lewis, Clerk of Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of original, was recorded on page 184 on Marriage Record of Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory. Witness my hand and seal this 19th, day of August A. D. 1896

Guy Keel, ( S E A L )

County & Probate Clerk, Pickens County, C. N.

C. ... ..  
 P. ... ..

T. Hon. R. W. C. ...  
 ...  
 Clerk: ...

My name is [redacted] and I am a Native American, and would like to  
testify before you regarding my experience with the [redacted]  
Bureau. I was born in [redacted] and grew up in the [redacted]  
the [redacted] Nation. I was [redacted] [redacted] that the  
[redacted] B. [redacted] was a [redacted], or W. M. [redacted]. D. [redacted]  
and she was adopted by a special act of the [redacted] tribe  
to the [redacted] [redacted], and lived in the [redacted] and enjoyed all  
the privileges of the [redacted] Nation until her death.  
After said marriage, I enjoyed all the  
privileges of [redacted] until a former decision of the  
Dist. Court, Judge L. L. Wood presiding, denied my right  
and refusal for trial. Since that time, I have lived in  
the Nation and enjoyed all the privileges and hunted, fished  
and employed labor, for which I have been arrested and  
indicted for violation of the two place law. I must re-  
spectfully call your attention to the Constitution and  
Treaty in reference to the settlement of this question,

|      |    |         |    |     |        |    |      |
|------|----|---------|----|-----|--------|----|------|
| 1st. | 7  | article | of | the | Treaty | of | 1855 |
| 2nd. | 26 | "       | "  | "   | "      | "  | 1866 |
| 3rd. | 38 | "       | "  | "   | "      | "  | 1866 |
| 4th. | 43 | "       | "  | "   | "      | "  | 1866 |
| 5th. | 48 | "       | "  | "   | "      | "  | 1866 |

I would further represent that my wife Matilda Roff, deceased, was adopted before the late war, and that revision of the Constitution and its adoption under the Treaty of 1860, was adopted- See)

Genl. Provisions Chapter. Part II. Sec. 7.,  
page 17th, Sec. 12.

and was first sworn in as a juror and paid a fine for non-attendance, did not attend on account of sickness. The Treaty of 1855, The adoption of the Constitution in 1857 by a popular vote of the people, at large, and the law was reaffirmed, when the law was codified and passed in 1860, by a committee <sup>appointed</sup> ~~adopted~~ for that purpose, and still adopted by the Legislature Oct. 20, 1860. See page 75 of the Chickasaw Law Book.

I regard myself as a citizen and have ever enjoyed the privileges of a citizen, and have ever been amenable and accountable for violating the two place Law, and before I am put on trial, I want this question of Jurisdiction settled by this Court. Under the Treaty of 1855 and 1866 and confirmation by Treaty Constitution and Laws of the Chick' Nation do claim my right as a citizen, and most respectfully, but earnestly ask that my status be fully defined before I am put on trial. The grand jury claims Jurisdiction, and hold me bound to this ~~contract~~ court, hence this demand is respectfully made- Alva Hoff, Jan 10th, 1882,

Harkins & Overton, Attys.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original now on file in my office.

This the 11th, day of April A. D. 1882.

S E A L .

R. C. Wiggs, Cl'k

P. C. C. N.

19+20.



Copy of Judge Carter's Decision in Alva Roff's Citizenship.

Pickens County, "

Jan. Term, " Jan. II 1892.

Dist. Court. " I, the petition of Alva B. Roff praying to know his status among the Chickasaws under treaties, stipulations and the constitution and laws of the Chickasaw Nation" and after careful and deliberate investigation of the various articles of the treaty and the constitution and laws referred to in said petition, it is my opinion, that the petitioner, Alva B. Roff, is a bona fide citizen of the Chickasaw Nation to all intents and purposes." And I, therefore, render this as my judgment in answer to said petition.

Given under my hand this day and date above.

J. W. Carter, Dist. Judge,

Attest:

C. H.

R. C. Higgs, Cl. P. C. C. H.

The undersigned County Clerk for Pickens County, C. H. do hereby certify that the above instrument of writing in regard to Alva B. Roff's citizenship is a correct copy of the original filed for record in this office.

WITNESS, my hand this the 10th, day of Jan. A. D. 1892.

I. D. Lewis,

Clk. for Pickens County, C. H.

CHICKASAW NATION, IND. TER.,

County of Pickens.

I, I. D. Lewis, Clerk

of the County Court, of Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation,

Ind. Ter., do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true

and correct copy of the original now on record in this

office, on page 22 General Record for Pickens County, C. H. Volume C. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said County at office in Pickens County this 19th, day of Aug. 1890.

I. D. LEWIS, Clk. Pickens County, C. H.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,  
UNION AGENCY,

"Exhibit 4"

Chicago, Ill.

On examination of the report of Chicago authorities for your personal information, I am advised of arrest of citizen in the city of Chicago, Illinois by Wm. Hawkins, J. Brown and H. E. Brown. The arrest is justified on the ground that defendant has been long acknowledged as a citizen; that he is a non-citizen and an intruder and, therefore, is not a citizen of Chicago.

I find that the case of Allen Ross vs. Chicago National Bank is a precedent for the case of Allen Ross vs. Chicago National Bank and that the case is valid and not subject to the jurisdiction of Chicago officials.

Yours Respectfully,

U. S. Indian Agent.

WITNESS, my hand this the 10th, day of January A. D. 1880.

Clk. for pickens county C. N.

CHICKASAW NATION --:-- IND. TER.

County of Pickens.

I, O. L. Lewis, Clerk of the County Court of Pickens  
County Chickasaw Nation, Ind. Ter. do hereby certify  
that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the orig-  
inal now on Record in this office of said General Re-  
cord for Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, Volume C.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said County, at office  
in Pickens County this 1st, day of August 1890.

Isaac O. Lewis,

Clerk, Pickens County, Chickasaw

The following is a true and correct copy of the orig-  
inal now on Record in this office of said General Re-  
cord for Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, Volume C.

Roff & Watkins

-vs-

Richard McList.

Certified copy, showing Roff's Citizenship.

"Exhibit  
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Office of State Secy.

Chickasaw Nation.

Tishomingo City, I. T.

March 18th, 1896.

Application having been made in accordance with the Mining Laws of the Chickasaw Nation for a charter for the purpose of mining, developing and working, transporting and selling Petroleum, Natural Gas, and asphaltum, Iron ore, gold, silver, lead, zinc, copper and other minerals situated on and beneath the private claim of A. B. Roff, by the Turman Mining Company for the period of twenty (20) years from the date hereof, within a certain portion of the Chickasaw Nation and on the private claim of the person hereinbefore mentioned and citizen of this Nation.

Now therefore, - Be it known that the aforesaid Turman Mining Company, its associates, successors and assigns he and the same is hereby chartered and vested with all the power, rights, privileges and authority contemplated by existing

Mining laws of the Chickasaw Nation for the period of twenty (20) years from date hereof. Said company composed of the following named persons, Citizens of the Chickasaw Nation, to-wit Charles A. Carter A. B. Roff, L. H. Turman, and L. C. Burney their associates, successors and assigns and mining operation is hereby confined within the following metes and bounds and described portion of the Chickasaw Nation to-wit beginning at the north-west corner of the A. B. Roff pasture and improvements, East of the G. C. & N. E. R. R. in the town of Ardmore, thence east parallel with the north boundary line of the said pasture fence about one and one fourth (1 1/4) miles to the claim of Frank Fox thence south parallel with the west boundary line of the Frank Fox claim and the Wm. R. Cox claim about one and one



half ( 1 1/2 ) miles to the south boundry of A. B. Roff.  
claim, thence west about ~~about~~ one and one fourth ( 1 1/4 )  
miles to claims of Perry Gallatin and Wm. R. Cox, thence  
in a northerly direction about one and one fourth ( 1 1/4 )  
miles to the place of beginning, all of which is in  
Pickens county and on the private claim of A. B. Roff, a  
Citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause  
the great seal of the Chickasaw Nation to be affixed over  
my official signature.

L. C. BARNES

( S E A L )

National Secretary, Chickasaw  
Nation.

The foregoing is endorsed as follows:  
Charter.

Anidarco Mining Co

Recorded in book D. page 82-

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Know all men by this instrument of \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal, and B.F. Boyd and John Smith as Securities are held and  
firmly bound unto Charley Hule Constable of Pickens County Chick-  
asaw Nation in the penal sum of \$50.00 fifty dollar lawful money  
of the United States of America and for the payment of the same  
we bind ourselves our heirs and assigns.

The conditions of the above bond is such that if the principal  
Alvin Ruff will faithfully appear at the Pickens County Court House  
by nine o'clock A.M. on the 2nd day of January 1900 at which time  
the District Court will convene and the bond is to be null and  
void otherwise to remain in full force and effect. Given under our  
hands and seals this 26th day of November, 1899.

|            |            |        |
|------------|------------|--------|
| Principal  | A. Ruff    | (Seal) |
| Securities | B. F. Boyd | (Seal) |
|            | John Smith | (Seal) |

The above is endorsed as follows, to wit:  
Approved November 26th, 1899. Charley Hule Constable of  
Pickens County, C.H.  
Canceled Jan 12th 1900

POOR ORIGINAL -  
BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Know all men by these presents that Alvi Roff as principal and Geo. W. Harkins and B.F. Overton securities are firmly held and bound unto L.L. Wood, Dist. Judge of the Chickasaw Nation in the penal sum of Fifty Dollars lawful money of the United States, and for the payment of the same we bind ourselves heirs and assigns on the following conditions.

That if Alvie Roff as principal shall well and truly remain at the District Court of Pickens Jany Term 1880 and remain from day to day at the Court until discharged by the Court then this obligation to be null and void.

Given under our hands and seals this 12th day of Jan 1880.

A.B. Roff (Seal)

Geo. W. Harkins (Seal)

B.F. Overton (Seal)

Approved by the Court Jan 12th 1879. L.L. Wood Dist. Judge C.K.

The foregoing bond is and reads as follows.

Bond of Alvie Roff. Filed in the Clerk's Office the 12th day of Jan A.D. 1879. A.B. Roff, Geo. W. Harkins, B.F. Overton.

Cancelled Jan. 1880.

PICKENS COUNTY, CHICKASAW NATION.

Sept. 15th, 1871.

Received of A.B. Roff ten (10) dollars in payment of a fine  
imposed by the district Judge for non attendance at the  
April term of the district court.

Overton Keel,  
Sheriff, Pickens County, C.S.

"Exhibit 9"



OFFICE OF DISTRICT CLERK

PICKENS COUNTY, CHICK SAW NATION, I.T.

TO THE SHERIFF OR CONSTABLE of Pickens County, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summons Alvin B. Reff to be  
and appear at the Court House in the city of Ardmore at 9 o'clock  
A.M. on the Third Monday ~~of~~ Nov. 1889, then and there to serve  
as Juror at Dist. Court.

Herein fail not, but make due return of the same to said  
Court.

Given under my hand and seal of Office this the 29th day  
of August A.D. 1889.

Signed .

I.O.Lewis,

District Clerk, C.N.

(SEAL)

"Exhibit  
K"

A. B. Roff

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Before the Honorable Commission of the United States  
to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians.

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Application, and Evidence in Support thereof, of A. B.  
Roff, his Children, Sons-in-Law and Grand-Children to be  
Enrolled as Members of the Tribe of Chickasaw Indians.

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Filed \_\_\_\_\_ day of September 1896.  
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Furman & Herbert,

Attorneys for Applicants.

INDIAN TERRITORY -:- SOUTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared A. H. Day, who, after being by me first duly sworn deposes and says: That affiant is a resident citizen of the town of Ardmore, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory; and is a member of the tribe of Chickasaw Indians by inter-marriage; that he is 51 years of age, and has resided in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory since the year 1869.

Affiant states that he is personally well acquainted with A. B. Roff; and that he knows the said A. B. Roff was married to Matilda Bourland, and knows that the said Matilda Bourland was a daughter of Wm. H. Bourland, now deceased. That since the year 1866 affiant has practiced as an attorney-at-law at various times in the Indian Courts of the Chickasaw Nation, and is familiar with the statutes, laws, customs and usages of said tribe of Indians. Affiant states that from his own personal knowledge of the laws, there was an act of the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation passed on the 17th, day of October 1856 by which the children and nephew of Wm. H. Bourland, now deceased, were adopted as members of the tribe of Chickasaw Indians. That said Act, as originally enacted, reads as follows: "Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation That the Right of Citizenship is hereby granted to the following named children and nephew of Wm. H. Bourland: Nancy, Amanda, Matilda, Cordentia Bourland and Reese Hannah."

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That this affiant has this day shown a certified copy of said act, approved October 17th, 1856, and recognized the same as a true and correct copy of the said Act adopting

the children and nephews of the said Wm. H. Howland.

Affiant further states that the said act adopting said children and nephews of the said Wm. H. Howland was in keeping with the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, adopted by the tribe of Chickasaws living on the 15th, day of August 1866 by a vote of the members of said tribe of Indians, and that it was provided in said Constitution in Sec. 7, of General Convention: "That the legislature of the Chickasaw Nation shall, from time to time, admit such persons as members of said tribe as may be acceptable to said members of said tribe of Indians."

And the affiant further states that on the 15th, day of August 1866, the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, under the seal of said Nation provided as follows: "All persons, white and black, who have become citizens of this Nation, by marriage or adoption, and who have been considered as such by former conventions, and all such persons as hereafter, may have become citizens by adoption by the legislature, or by intermarriage with the Chickasaws, since the adoption of this constitution of August 15, A. D. 1866, shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities of native citizens. All who may hereafter become citizens, either by marriage or adoption, shall be entitled to all the privileges of native born citizens, without being eligible to the office of Governor."

In Sec. 10 under the same seal, this language appears: "The legislature shall have power, by law, to admit or adopt, as citizens of this Nation, such persons as may be acceptable to the people at large."

This affiant states that after the Treaty of 1866 between the United States and the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians dele-



gates of the Chickasaw Nation convened at Old Camp Harris, which were elected by a popular vote of the Chickasaw Indians and codified the laws of the Chickasaw Nation and also the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation; that this convention was held near Old Camp Harris, near Tishomingo, and that the laws and constitution of said committee, together with the constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, was submitted to a popular vote of the Chickasaw Indians and was, by a vote of said Indians

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That further stated that in the year 1876 a committee was appointed to revise and codify the laws of the Chickasaw Nation, and in such revision the act of 1866 above referred to adopting the children and nephews of Mr. H. Bourland, deceased, was reaffirmed and appears on page 76 of the Constitution, Laws, and Treaties of the Chickasaws as published in 1878 and is in ~~word~~ and figures as follows: "An act granting citizenship to the heirs of Mr. H. Bourland. Sec. 1. It enacted by the legislature of the Chickasaw Nation; That the right of citizenship is hereby granted to the following named children and nephews of Mr. H. Bourland: Anna, Maria, Benjamin, and Samannah. Approved: Oct. 7, 1876. J. L. BURMAN, Governor."

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Affairs further stated that the said last said act is purported to have been passed by the Legislature October 7, 1876; and affirms that it is a recognized fact among the lawyers and the judiciary of the Chickasaw Nation that such act is but a re-affirmation of the act of 1866. That this occurred in the following manner: That said committee appointed to revise and codify said laws made their report and their report was, by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, adopted; that after said report was made, the said laws, as recommended by said committee, after adopted by the

Legislature they were met by J. A. Weston, an Governor  
of the Chickasaw nation, and the members of the leg of  
signature.

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Affiant further states that the defendant knew of the said  
Doff, since his marriage to the said Hilda Newland in 1907  
was solemnized even in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Ter-  
ritory, and that he has but temporarily resided out of said  
Nation. Affiant states that <sup>approximately his sole duty is to</sup> ~~his duty is to~~  
~~the Nation~~ that after said Doff's marriage to said <sup>matilda</sup> ~~Hilda~~  
Newland, that he lived with his wife in the Chickasaw Na-  
tion up to the time of her death, which occurred about the  
year 1921. (Signed) *W. L. [illegible]*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20th day of August 1916.

August 1906. *157 and 7* *John H. H. H.*  
*(See)* Deputy Public, Northern  
 District, Indian Territory.

--: BEFORE THE HONORABLE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES :--

In the Matter of the Application of A. F. Roff, Walter Roff, Mabel Roff, Mrs. Matilda Clary, G. B. Clary, Leonard B. Clary, Eula Fay Clary, Alice Williams, George Williams, Ewen Williams, and Leon Roff, for Enrollment in the Chickasaw Nation.

Now comes the Chickasaw Nation, by its Attorneys, and, without waiving any exception heretofore taken to the application filed herein; and without consenting to, nor having the jurisdiction of this Honorable Commission to pass upon a question of citizenship in the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians, presents this, its answer to said application, and respectfully represents:

The said Chickasaw Nation denies that any, or either of the applicants herein are members of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians; or that they have any right to be enrolled as members thereof; it denies that on the 17th day of October, 1856, the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation adopted the heirs of William H. Bourland, viz: Nancy, Amanda, Matilda, Gordentia and Run Hannah; nor it alleges the fact to be that on the said 17th day of October, 1856, the said William H. Bourland, who had then become a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation by intermarriage in the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians, applied to the said Legislature, asking that an Act be passed, conferring upon him the right to keep the said Nancy, Amanda, Matilda, Gordentia and Run Hannah with him as members of his family: the same being children of his by a United States citizen, as the issue of a former marriage; that, in accordance with the said request, the Act referred to in the application was passed by the Legislature on the date named, for that purpose only. A copy of his petition, asking for the passage of this Act, and the purposes therein named, is hereto attached and marked "Exhibit A".

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Now, the Chickasaw Nation alleges the fact to be that this was the first session of the Legislature for the Chickasaw Nation in the Indian Territory; that Judge Overton Love was the first Speaker of the House; that an affidavit of the said Love is hereto attached, marked "Exhibit B", setting forth all the facts connected with the pretended adoption of said children, and the objects and purposes of the same; it alleges the fact to be that its members, at that time, were unacquainted with the forms of legislation and the expressions necessary to be used in the English language, to convey the objects or meaning of the Acts of their Legislature; that, at the following session of said Legislature, to-wit: on November 25, 1857, an act of the Legislature was passed, repealing all laws and acts of the Legislature that had been enacted by the Legislature at its session in 1856; a copy of which said Act is hereto attached, and marked "Exhibit C"; and that the Act adopting the heirs mentioned in the application, in 1856, was among the laws so repealed.

That, at the time of the adoption aforesaid, the Chickasaw Nation had a Constitution which provided how and in what manner, and what effect should be given by the adoption of all persons belonging to a different race of people than the Chickasaw Indians; which said section of the Constitution is as follows:

"Sec. 11. The Legislature shall have the power, by law, to admit, or adopt any person to citizenship in this Nation, except a negro, or descendant of a negro: Provided, however, that such an admission, or adoption, shall not give a right, further than to settle and remain in the Nation, and to be subject to its laws."

That, by the said section of the Constitution the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation was limited in its powers to be conferred by it upon adopted citizens; and any act which sought to confer greater powers than therein provided for, was unconstitutional, and would confer no right upon such persons so adopted, further than permitted by said Constitution.



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That afterward, to-wit: upon the adoption of the Treaty of 1866, it became necessary for the Chickasaw Nation to adopt a new Constitution, and enact new laws not in conflict with said Treaty: thereupon, an Act of the Legislature was passed, authorizing the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to appoint a Committee of five men, suitable for the purpose of amending said Constitution and Laws, and one man from each county, and one floater from the said Nation; said floater to be the Chairman for the said Convention, whose duties it should be to change or amend said Constitution to conform to the Treaty stipulations of 1855 and 1866, between the said Chickasaw Nation and the United States; that the said Committee, or members of the Convention, should have the right to reject all existing laws, and to make such amendments as they saw proper; it further provided that the said Constitution and Amended Laws should thereafter be submitted to the people of the Chickasaw Nation for their approval or rejection by general ballot, to be specified by a proclamation of the Governor to the people; that said Constitution and Laws should be printed and submitted to the people; and authorized the Governor to announce the result of said election by his proclamation. A copy of said Act is hereto attached and marked "Exhibit D". That, in accordance with the said Act of the Legislature, said Committee was duly appointed, and the laws revised and amended in compliance with the Act; that, before the adoption of said amended laws, as so required by said Act, said Convention, or Committee, caused such amended laws, and all laws which were to remain in force, to be printed and circulated among the people, so that they might be advised of their contents when the vote was to be taken, upon the issuance of the proclamation of the Governor; that, by mistake, among said laws, the Committee reported the law adopting the heirs of said William H. Bourland, and the same was published for submission to the people; that afterward, the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation issued his proclamation, calling the election for the adoption or

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rejection of the New Constitution and Laws, as aforesaid, which said election was to occur on the 29th day of June, 1868. A copy of said proclamation is hereto attached and marked "Exhibit E".

That afterward, to-wit: on the 21st day of July, 1868, the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation issued his proclamation, declaring the result of said election held on the 29th day of June, 1868; a copy of which said proclamation is hereto attached and marked "Exhibit F"; that said vote, as shown, rejected the adoption of said heirs of said William H. Bourland, by a majority of fifty (50) votes.

That afterward it was ascertained that a mistake had been made in the calculation of the figures giving the returns of said election; and the said Governor issued another proclamation at once, giving the exact figures from each county on all the propositions voted upon; a copy of which said proclamation is hereto attached and marked "Exhibit G"; and which shows that the law adopting the said heirs of the said William H. Bourland received the following votes: Total number of votes cast in favor of adopting William Bourland's family, 47; number of votes against adoption, 91; majority of votes cast against adopting the heirs of William Bourland, 44.

A copy of a letter from the Governor to the National Secretary on this question is hereto attached and marked "Exhibit H".

That, by reason of the fact that the Convention had published the laws agreed upon by them, the same were not re-published: because all the laws provided by them were adopted by said election, except that law adopting the heirs of William Bourland, the applicants herein. Therefore, said law remained in the book published as the General Laws of the Chickasaw Nation; but had been repealed, as aforesaid, and not adopted by the vote of the people, as required by law.

That afterward, to-wit: at the meeting of the Legislature in

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October, 1883, it having been discovered that the codified laws, which had been published in 1876, still contained the Act adopting the heirs of William H. Bourland, the applicants herein, the said Legislature, at its session in 1883, passed an Act annulling the said Act adopting the heirs of William H. Bourland, so that the same would not again become a part of the published laws of the Chickasaw Nation; which said Act annulling said Act adopting the heirs of William H. Bourland is still in full force and effect; a copy of which is hereto attached and marked "Exhibit I".

The Chickasaw Nation alleges the fact to be that the claims set up by the applicant, Alvia Roff, that he has been recognized as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation by the numerous Acts alleged by him, were all caused by the mistake in the publication of the laws of the Chickasaw Nation, which misled the officers of the Chickasaw Nation, and caused them to believe that the law adopting the heirs of the said William H. Bourland was still in full force and effect; when, as a matter of fact, which was well known to the applicant, Alvia Roff, said law had been repealed on numerous occasions; and, at the time of its adoption, only gave the heirs of the said William H. Bourland the right to remain, and no other right, in the Chickasaw Nation.

That, on numerous occasions, since 1866, the Chickasaw Nation has appointed a board, known as a Committee on Citizenship, in order to complete the rolls of its citizens, and in order that the question of the heirs of William H. Bourland, (under which right the said Alvia Roff now claims), might be fully passed upon; that the said Alvia Roff has, on more than one occasion, been legally notified to appear before said Committee and have his rights passed upon; but has failed and refused at all times to do so.

Now, while the Chickasaw Nation does not deny the fact that the said claimant, Alvia B. Roff, may have presented the petition alleged by him before B. W. Carter, Judge of the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation, to have his rights defined, on January 11, 1882, it says that the



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Chickasaw Nation was not represented before said Court, and had no notice that said application would be made; and it alleges the fact to be that the said Alvia B. Roff practiced a fraud upon said Court, by exhibiting to the Judge thereof the published copy of the laws heretofore mentioned, which contained the error of the adoption of the heirs of William H. Bourland; that, well knowing said fact, he served no notice upon the officers of the Chickasaw Nation that any such proceeding would be had; and that said S. W. Carter, as Judge of said Court, was not authorized to pass upon claims for citizenship in the Chickasaw Nation, either by the Constitution or the Laws in force at the time in the said Chickasaw Nation; which fact was well known to the said Alvia B. Roff.

The Chickasaw Nation alleges the fact to be that the said A. B. Roff, well knowing that he had no right in the said Nation, as a citizen, used fraudulent means to prevent his being ejected from said Nation as a non-citizen, by the use of money to suppress any effort made to secure his removal.

Answering the Exhibit, marked "A2", in relation to the granting of a mining charter to the said Alvia B. Roff, the Chickasaw Nation avers the fact to be that the laws of the said Nation only require that three or more citizens of said Nation make application, in order to obtain such a charter; and that the charter referred to was applied for by Charles D. Carter, L. M. Turman and L. C. Burris, all of whom were undisputed Chickasaw citizens; and that said Secretary was in duty bound, when said citizens complied with the law, to issue said charter, regardless of whether the name of Alvia B. Roff appeared thereon, or not; and that said act, because the National Secretary had no authority to do so, gave no evidence of the fact that the said Alvia B. Roff was a citizen of said Nation.

The Chickasaw Nation alleges the fact to be, that, while jurisdiction might have been exercised by some of its judicial officers over the said Alvia B. Roff, it was on account of the error in the publication



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of the laws of the Chickasaw Nation as aforesaid; and it charges the fact to be that the said Roff well knew that the said courts had no jurisdiction over him; and hereto attaches a copy of the docket for the June Term of the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation, for the year 1880, in which the said Roff stood indicted on the charge of "Larceny", and was represented by counsel in said case, who, at his instance and request, presented a plea to the jurisdiction of said Court--setting forth the fact that said Court had no jurisdiction over his person; and, after presenting his reasons for the same, the said Court, at its July Term in 1880, when said case was called for trial, referred the matter of the citizenship of the said A. B. Roff to the Legislature of the said Chickasaw Nation, and all papers in the case were referred to the Legislature, to determine the citizenship of the said Roff; that on July 24, 1885, on motion of the defense, said cause was dismissed, because said Court had no jurisdiction--the Legislature having, in 1883, as aforesaid, again re-enacted a law declaring said Roff, and the heirs of the said William H. Bourland, not citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. A copy of said record is hereto attached and marked "Exhibit J".

Now, the Chickasaw Nation alleges that, if, for any reason it should be held that by the Act of its Legislature for the year 1856, the heirs of the said William H. Bourland were adopted, it says that it was only for the purposes as named in Section 11, of the Constitution, viz: to settle and remain in the Nation, and to be subject to its laws; and with no other and additional rights; but it denies that said adoption was had, and avers the fact to be that, long prior to the said Roff acquiring any pretended rights to citizenship, the said Act of the year 1856, had, to-wit: in the year 1857, been repealed and annulled; and that by the vote of the people on the adoption of said heirs in 1868, they were rejected.

That, at the date of the marriage of the said Alvia B. Roff to the said Matilda Bourland, to-wit: on the 24th day of January, 1867, as

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alleged by him in his application, there existed in the Chickasaw Nation laws regulating the marriage of citizens of the Chickasaw Nation with citizens of the United States; but, disregarding said laws, the said Alvia B. Roff was united in marriage with the said Matilda Bourland in the State of Texas, and continued to reside there until her death; that, since her said death, to-wit: on the 11th day of November, 1869, the said Alvia B. Roff, still disregarding the laws of the said Chickasaw Nation, again married a United States citizen in the state of Texas, and thereafter moved to the Chickasaw Nation; that, again, on the 12th day of February, 1890, although the laws of the Chickasaw Nation required a marriage between a United States citizen and a citizen of the said Chickasaw Nation--in order to confer any rights upon any person--to be consummated, after first procuring a license from the authorized Clerk of said Nation, and said marriage certificate to be recorded with said Clerk after said marriage, the said Alvia B. Roff again remarried a United States citizen, and has, since said date, resided in the Chickasaw Nation.

Now, the Chickasaw Nation alleges that, if by any kind of construction, it should be held that the marriage of the said Alvia B. Roff with the said Matilda Bourland was a marriage between a United States citizen and an adopted citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, and that the said Matilda Bourland had ever acquired any rights in said Nation; it avers that the said Matilda Bourland could confer no rights by said marriage upon the said A. B. Roff, which could by him be transmitted to other and different persons; and that all the marriages and the issue of marriages with the said A. B. Roff, since the death of the said Matilda Bourland, have conferred, and received, no rights as members of the Chickasaw Nation; that the said Roff is now, and has at all times, together with his descendants, been a United States citizen, entitled to no rights or privileges as a Chickasaw citizen.

W H E R E F O R E , The premises being considered, the Chickasaw Nation most emphatically requests this Honorable Commission to

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reject the application of the said Alvia B. Roff for enrollment as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, together with that of all of his descendants, and will ever pray, etc.

THE CHICKASAW NATION.

By Its Attorneys.

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE LEGISLATURE OF THE CHICKASAW NATION? NOW SITTING:

The undersigned would most respectfully represent to your Honorable Body that he is connected with the Chickasaw Nation by marriage, and is desirous of becoming a citizen thereof; but having children, the issue of a first wife, not having any claim upon the Chickasaw Nation, to-wit: Nancy, Amanda, Matilda and Hortensia; and a nephew, Reece Hannah, your Petitioner respectfully asks that an Act or Resolution be passed, guaranteeing the right of citizenship to those children, under my parental charge, and as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

October 20, 1941.

TH. H. OVERLAND.

(Copied from the original petition now on file in the office of the National Secretary of the Muskogean Nation, at Tishomingo, Chickasaw Nation, P. O. Box 200.)

"EXHIBIT C"

AN ACT REPEALING ALL THE ACTS OF 1856 WHICH ARE NOT ADOPTED:

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That from and after the passage of this Act, all the certified copies of the laws that were passed in the Legislature of 1856, that are not adopted by the Legislature of 1857, are hereby repealed.

Approved, November 25, 1857.

C. HARRIS, Governor.

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(Copied from the "Laws of the Chickasaw Nation" of 1857.) pp 87-88

"EXHIBIT II"

---: AN ACT CHANGING THE CONSTITUTION AND AMENDING THE LAWS :--

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Be it enacted, &c. After the passage of this Act that the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation shall appoint five men, suitable for the purpose of amending the present Constitution and Laws, and one man from each county, and one floater for the Nation; said floater is to be Chairman of the Convention.

Be it further enacted, That the members of the said Convention shall have power to change or amend the said Constitution as they may consider necessary for the better government and general welfare of the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation, and conformable to the treaty stipulations of 1855 and 1866 between the United States of America and the Chickasaws.

Be it further enacted, That the said members of the Convention shall have power to change or reject any or all existing laws contrary to the said Treaties, and make them conformable to the said Treaties, and to the Constitution, which they are authorized to make or amend.

Be it further enacted, That the said New Constitution and Amended Laws shall be submitted to the People of the Chickasaw Nation for their approval or rejection, by general ballot, at the most convenient time, to be specified in a proclamation of the Governor to the people of the Chickasaw Nation.

Be it further enacted, That the Governor shall have the said Constitution and Laws printed, and submitted to the people, previous to their submission to the people for their approval or rejection.

Be it further enacted, That if the said New Constitution and Laws are adopted by the people of this Nation, the said Constitution and Laws shall be the Constitution and Laws of this Nation.

Be it further enacted, That if the said Constitution and Laws should be rejected by the people, then the Convention shall change or make them agreeable to the expressed wishes of the people.

Be it further enacted that the members of the Convention shall select their own place of meeting, governed by the will of the majority.

Be it further enacted, That each member of the Convention shall receive for his services, during the time occupied in the same, five dollars per day.

Be it further enacted, That the Governor is authorized to draw out of the Treasury of the Chickasaw Nation Five hundred Dollars to pay for the translating, printing and distribution of the said Constitution and Laws.

Be it further enacted, That the decision of the people in relation to the adoption or rejection of the said New Constitution and Amended Laws, shall be sent to the office of the National Secretary, like other election returns, by the judges of election of the different counties; and the result shall be made known to the Governor, who shall, in a proclamation, transmit the information to the people.

Passed July 10, 1867.

R. H. LOVE, Chairman.

Be it further enacted, That the Governor be, and is hereby, authorized to appoint one or more members of the Committee to superintend the printing and correction of the same, as the Governor may hereafter direct.

ROBERT H. LOVE.

Attest: B. F. PERRY, Secty. Senate.

Passed the Senate July 17, 1867.

J. D. HARRIS, President Senate.

Passed House, Rept., July 18, 1867.

~~THE~~ LEWIS NEWBERRY, Speaker House,

W. COLBERT, Clerk House.

Approved July 18, 1867.

G. HARRIS, Gov. C. N.

(Copied from the Original Act, on file in the office of National Secretary of the Chickasaw Nation)



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EXHIBIT F

---: PROCLAMATION :---

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I, Cyrus Harris, Governor of the Ch. N., by virtue of authority vested in me by law, do this day issue this, my proclamation, notifying the citizens of the Chick Nation of the result of an election held in the respt. Counties on the 29th day of June, 1868, for the adoption or rejection of the New Constitution and Amended Laws.

| Constitution and Amended Laws    | Adopted             | Rejected   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Panola County                    | 10                  | "          |
| Pickens "                        | 41                  | "          |
| Tishomingo"                      | 50                  | "          |
| Pontitoc "                       | <u>56</u>           | <u>3</u>   |
|                                  | 137                 | 3          |
| Bill of Rights, Section 16"      |                     |            |
| Panola County                    | "                   | "          |
| Pickens "                        | "                   | "          |
| Tishomingo"                      | 2                   | 48         |
| Pontitoc "                       | <u>"</u>            | <u>6</u>   |
|                                  | 2                   | 54         |
| Adoption of heirs of W. Bourland | "                   | "          |
| Panola County                    | "                   | 2          |
| Pickens "                        | "                   | 50         |
| Tishomingo"                      | "                   | <u>39</u>  |
| Pontotoc "                       | "                   | 91         |
| School Law                       |                     |            |
| Panola County                    | "                   | "          |
| Pickens "                        | "                   | 50         |
| Tishomingo"                      | "                   | "          |
| Pontotoc "                       | <u>"</u>            | <u>50</u>  |
| July 21", 1868.                  | (Signed) C. HARRIS, | Gov. C. N. |

"EXHIBIT G"

( C O P Y )

--: P R O C L A M A T I O N :--

.....( ).....

I, Cyrus Harris, Gov. of the Chickasaw Nation, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do this day issue this, my proclamation, notifying the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation of the result of an election held in respective counties on the 29th day of June, 1868, for the Adoption or Rejection of the New Constitution and Laws:

|                            |                                       |            |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Total number of votes cast | in favor of New Constitution and Laws | 135        |
| " " " "                    | against.....                          | 3          |
| Majority in favour.....    |                                       | <u>132</u> |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Total number votes cast in favour of adopting Wm. Bourland's family | 47        |
| Number of votes against adoption.....                               | 31        |
| Majority of votes against adoption heirs of Wm. Bourland.....       | <u>44</u> |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Total number of votes in favour Collecting Section in Constitution | 84        |
| Number of votes cast against Collecting Section in Constitution..  | 54        |
| Majority of votes in favour of Collecting Law.....                 | <u>30</u> |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of votes cast to insert the 14th Section, Bill of Rights,<br>Aug. 30, 1856..... | 39        |
| Number of votes against Sect. 14th.....                                                | 39        |
| Majority against inserting the 14th Section, Bill of Rights, Aug.<br>30, 1856.....     | <u>60</u> |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Majority of votes cast in favour of adopting School Law, July, 1867 | 80        |
| Number of votes cast against the adoption of School Law, July, 1867 | 50        |
| Majority of votes polled in favour of School Law.....               | <u>30</u> |

EXHIBIT H

( COPY )

Will Creek, C. N., July 21, 1868.

Mr. Rennie,

Sir :

Accompanying this, you will find my proclamation in regard to the election of the Constitution, which you will use for a sample. On examination of the returns of the former Secretary, I find that the figures are incorrect, & ~~and~~ you will refer to the original election returns deposited in the office of the National Secretary, at Tish. City, and issue one Proclamation to each County, making no suggestions or remarks.

(Signed)

C. HARRIS,

Gov. C. N.

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(Copied from the original letter on file in the office of the National Secretary of the Chickasaw Nation, at Tishomongo, Tishomingo County, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.)

EXHIBIT I

AN ACT REPEALING AN ACT GRANTING CITIZENSHIP TO THE HEIRS OF W. H.

BOURLAND:

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Sec. 1--Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation: That the right of citizenship granted to the following named children and nephews of W. H. Bourland, Amanda Matilda, Gorduria and Run Hannah, approved October 7th, 1876, the same is hereby repealed and annulled.

Sec. 2--Be it further enacted: that the Governor is hereby directed and required to remove said parties and their descendants beyond the limits of this Nation, and that this Act take effect from and after its passage.

Passed the Senate October 11th, 1883.

Attest: JO. BROWN,

JONAS WOLF,

Sec'y Senate.

Pres. of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives October 13th, 1883.

Attest: A. T. McKINNEY,

F. FRAZIER,

Clerk.

Speaker.

The above Act became a law by reason of limitation.

THOS. W. JOHNSON,

National Secretary C. N.

(Copied from Page #46, General and Special Laws)



EXHIBIT

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation: That from and after the passage of this Act, that all the certified copies of laws that was passed in the Legislature in the year of 1856, that is not adopted by the Legislature, 1857, is hereby declared to be repealed.

Passed the Senate: Nov. 24, 1857.

Attest: J. BROWN, Secy.

WM. KEMP, President pro tem.

Passed the House Nov. 24th, 1857.

Attest: S. B. James, Clerk House.

JAS. T. GAINES, Speaker House.

Approved Nov. 25/57.

C. HARRIS, Gov.

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(Copied from the original Act now on file in the office of the National Secretary of the Chickasaw Nation, at Tishomingo, Tishomingo County, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.)

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation: That from and after the passage of this Act, that all the certified copies of laws that was passed in the Legislature in the year of 1856, that is not adopted by the Legislature, 1857, is hereby declared to be repealed.

Passed the Senate: Nov. 31, 1857.

Attest: E. BROWN, Secy.

WM. KEMP, President pro tem.

Passed the House Nov. 24th, 1857.

Attest: S. B. James, Clerk House.

JAS. T. GAINES, Speaker House.

Approved Nov. 25/57.

C. HARRIS, Gov.

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(Copied from the original Act now on file in the office of the National Secretary of the Chickasaw Nation, at Tishomingo, Tishomingo County, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.)

(Copied from Page #43 of the Docket of the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation, in Pickens County, year of 1880)

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--: DOCKETED FOR JANUARY TERM OF DISTRICT COURT, 1880 :--

The Chickasaw Nation, )  
vs. )  
Alvia Roff. )

Charged by indictment with Larceny, as the indictment showeth.

Witnesses for Plaintiff:

Benj. Stewart,  
Ed Bounds,  
John Covey  
Dick Sacra

Witnesses for Defense:

: Joe Lane, on Red River.  
: R. T. Ball, " " "  
: Munroe Burch, Elm Springs  
: Tennison, Elliott Terry.

Jan. Term of Dist. Court, 1880, 9 o'clock, a. m. The above case was called and set for trial at 10 o'clock, a. m., Jan. 13th.

Jan. 13th, 10 o'clock, a. m. The above case was called. The Atty. Gen. denied the right of jurisdiction. After some argument, the Court continued the case until April term of Court, that the Court may consider the right of jurisdiction over Alvia Roff, defendant in the case.

A. H. LAW, Clerk of the Court.

July Term Dist. Court, 1880. The case above was called. The Atty. Gen. presented the Court with written objection to the right of jurisdiction. After some argument on the question, the Court decided to refer the matter to the Chickasaw Legislature, and the Clerk was ordered to forward all legal papers and proceedings had in the case to the next Legislature.

This 12th day of July, 1880.

A. H. LAW,

Clerk of the Court.

Dismissed for want of merit, July 24th, 1885; motion defense.

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--: BEFORE THE HONORABLE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES :--

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In the Matter of the Application for Enrollment of \_\_\_\_\_

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-- Affidavit of Judge Overton Love --

Indian Territory, )  
Chickasaw Nation. )

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Overton Love, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says: That he is a Chickasaw Indian by blood, and emigrated from Mississippi to the Indian Territory in the year 1843; that he is 73 years of age; that he was the first Speaker of the House of Representatives of the first Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, in 1838, and has been connected more or less, with the public affairs of said Nation since said date; that he has filled the positions of County Judge, District Judge, Representative, Senator and Delegate to Washington; that he, in 1856, and prior thereto, and until his death, was intimate<sup>ly</sup> acquainted with William H. Bourland; that the said William H. Bourland, who was a United States citizen, and the father of Nancy, Amanda, Matilda and Cordelia, and the Uncle of Reese Hannah; these were his children, by his first wife, who was a United States citizen; that sometime in the fifties, he married Caroline Willis, a Chickasaw citizen, who is yet living; that in the year 1856, at the first session of our Legislature, William H. Bourland presented an application to the Legislature, asking that these said children be adopted, under the Constitution as it then existed, so that they might live with him, while he remained in the Chickasaw Nation; the only object being that they might have the right of residence, and not be ejected by the Chickasaw authorities. In accordance with his application, the Act of October 17, 1856, was passed. Sometime during the year 1856, the laws of the Chickasaw Nation, not having been published, became misplaced and lost; and at the session of the Legislature in 1857, an Act



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was passed, repealing all the laws enacted in 1856, except those especially adopted by the Legislature in 1857. The Act adopting the children of William H. Bourland, and his nephew, Reese Hannah, was among those repealed; and about that time, the said William H. Bourland, having abandoned the idea of having them adopted, and setting up no claim that they had been adopted, left the Chickasaw Nation and removed to Texas, where he afterward died. I was intimately acquainted with the whole family, and after he removed to Texas, his three daughters boarded at my house and attended school. From that date, until after A. B. Roff had married Matilda Bourland, and her death in Texas, I never heard of any claim being made that said Children had been adopted. About that time, A. B. Roff came to see me, to learn whether or not his first wife and her sisters had been adopted; his object being to learn, so that he could move over into the Chickasaw Nation. I then informed him that they had not been adopted, except as stated above; but told him that I thought that if he wanted to move into the Chickasaw Nation, and would keep quiet, go along and attend to his own business, that the Indians would not object to his staying in the Chickasaw Nation. After that he moved over into the Chickasaw Nation, and has continued to reside here ever since. I am personally acquainted with the facts, that at no time after the repeal of the law adopting said children, said law was published as such in any of the books containing the laws of the Chickasaw Nation, until after the Treaty of 1866 between the Chickasaw Nation and the United States. When this Treaty was made, it became necessary for the Chickasaws to revise their laws, and the Constitution. A committee was appointed by the Governor to codify the laws and amend them, and to have the same published; after which they were to be voted upon by the people for adoption or rejection. In about 1868, this election was had. It then developed that this Convention, or Committee, had had published the old law adopting the Bourland heirs; and this, among other laws, was specially mentioned to be voted upon by the people for adoption or rejection; and the Act

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adopting them was rejected by the people; and the Governor issued his proclamation, declaring the result. This was the only act rejected, and by some oversight, in 1876, when the laws were published again, it was again placed in the published laws.

Of my own personal knowledge, I know nothing further than to say that, since about 1876, whenever the matter was agitated a little, it was by some manner suppressed. I will further state that Joseph Brown who married Amanda Bourland, sister to Alvia Hoff's wife, in about 1870 or 1871, went to my Uncle, Judge Joseph Love, and employed to have his right established as an adopted citizen. Upon learning this fact, I went to him, and then to Colonel Bourland, and told them that if he insisted on doing this, that it would be my duty to tell what I knew about how they were adopted, and what I have stated above; but that his being a friend of mine, if he kept quiet, he could remain here, and I would say nothing. Whereupon, no further action was taken by him. I further state that Joe McKinney, who married Cordelia, a sister of Alvia Hoff's wife, about the year 1880, moved into the Chickasaw Nation from Texas, and settled near me as a neighbor. He frequently talked to me about his wife's right, and I explained fully to him; and after living there about two years, he moved back to Texas. Since then I have known nothing further about him.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this, the \_\_\_\_ day of  
October, A. D. 1886.

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Notary Public.

---: BEFORE THE HONORABLE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES :---

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In the Matter of the Application of \_\_\_\_\_ for  
Enrollment in the Chickasaw Nation.  
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---: Affidavit of R. R. Bourland :--

INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
(Southern District) Before me, the undersigned authority, in this ss.  
Chickasaw Nation.) personally appeared R. R. Bourland, who, after be-  
ing first sworn by me, on oath deposed and says: That his name is R.  
R. Bourland; that he is 75 years of age; that he has lived in the Chick-  
asaw and Choctaw Nations since 1843, and now resides at McAlester, in the  
Choctaw Nation; that he moved, with his wife, from the state of Missis-  
sippi to the Indian Territory, in the year 1843, and has remained here  
ever since said time; that, in the year 1842, in Mississippi, he married  
Eliza Moore, a Chickasaw Indian by blood, and lived with her up to the  
time of her death, which was in the year 1886; that he still remains  
a widower, and has always enjoyed the rights of an intermarried citizen  
of the said Chickasaw Nation; that he is younger brother of W. H. Bour-  
land, the father of the "Bourland heirs"; that he very well remembers  
the petition of his brother to the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation in  
the year 1856, asking for the adoption of his children Nancy, Amanda,  
Matilda and Gerdentia, and his nephew, Run Hannah; that he knows that it  
was the intention of his brother, William H. Bourland, to secure by the  
legislation asked for in the said petition, the right for the said chil-  
dren to remain in the Chickasaw Nation, undisturbed by the authorities,  
under his parental control; that no other purpose was contemplated by  
said petition or said Act; and such was the general understanding of my-  
self, my brother, William Bourland, and all the members of the Legisla-  
ture, and all citizens of the Nation at that time.

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Affiant further states that he knows it to be a fact that about the year 1868, a vote of the people of the Chickasaw Nation was taken as to the adoption of the Bourland heirs, and they were rejected; He further states that his brother, William Bourland resided in the Chickasaw Nation only two or three years, when he removed to his home in the state of Texas, and took his children with him, and remained there until his death; and the children also remained in the said State of Texas until they were married.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the \_\_\_\_ day of October, A. D., 1896.

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Notary Public.



Indian Territory,  
Chickasaw Nation.)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, National Secretary of the  
Chickasaw Nation, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing exhibits  
are true and correct copies of the original records now on file in my  
office; and that I am the custodian of the same.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 3rd day of October,  
A. D., 1896.

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National Secretary,  
Chickasaw Nation.

Exhibits in

case of

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Adaline Ross

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Adaline Ross



Ross Adaline  
Ross Willie Paul  
Ross Dick  
Ross Ben  
Ross Rosia  
Ross Albert  
Ross Alice  
Ross Manual  
Ross John

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

To the Hon. H. L. Dawes, F. C. Armstrong, A. S. McKenney, T. B. Cabanis, and A. B. Montgomery, United States Commissioners to the Five Civilized Tribes:-

The undersigned, applicant, Adaline Ross, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ for and on behalf of herself and children make this their application to you for the purpose of being placed on the roll of Choctaw Freedmen entitled to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Applicant states that she is about forty years of age and resides in the Chickasaw Nation near the town of Wynnewood, Ind. Ter.; that she is a Choctaw Freed woman of African descent; that she was born in the Choctaw Nation, Ind. Ter., and was held ~~byxxxx~~ as a slave by Jackson Kemp, a Choctaw Indian by blood until about two years before the Choctaw Freedmen were set free, when ~~xxxxxxxx~~ the said Jackson Kemp gave her to his daughter, Healie, who married John Turnbull, a Choctaw Indian by blood and that she was held as a slave by the said John Turnbull and his wife, Healie Turnbull at the time of the Treaty of Fort Smith when the Choctaw Indians were set free.

Applicant further states that she is the mother of eight children that are now living and compose a part of her family and whose names and ages are as follows: Willie Paul, age ~~22~~ twenty three years, Dick Ross, age twenty two years, Ben Ross, age ~~18~~ eighteen years; Rosia Ross age seventeen years; Albert Ross, ~~xxxx~~ and Alice Ross, ages nine years; Manual Ross, age seven years; John Ross age four years.

Wherefore, applicant prays that herself and her said children be enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen entitled to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation and that they be given all other proper relief.

United States of America.

Indian Territory  
Southern District.

On this the 27th day of August, 1896, personally appeared before me, A. S. Hitchkin, a notary public in and for the Southern District of the Indian Territory, Adaline Ross, who being by me duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, ~~xxxxxxxx~~ upon her oath stated that the facts set forth in the above application are correct and true. Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 27th day of August, 1896.

*A. S. Hitchkin*  
Notary Public in and for the  
Southern District of the  
Indian Territory.

*Adaline Ross*

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# GENERAL

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN KEMP

Indian Territory  
Southern District.

Before me the undersigned authority personally appeared John Kemp, who after being duly sworn to tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth, deposes and says: My name is John Kemp, my age about eighty eight years, my residence about one mile north of the town of Wynnewood, Ind. I am a Choctaw Freedman and was held as a slave by Jackson Kemp, a Choctaw Indian by blood, at the time of the Treaty of Fort Smith. I know Adeline Ross, she is my daughter, her age is about forty years, she was held as a slave by John Turnbull, a Choctaw Indian by blood, in the Chickasaw Nation Indian Territory, at the time of the treaty of Fort Smith. Her mother's name was Francis Kemp, who was held as a slave by Jackson Kemp at the time of the said treaty of Fort Smith. The said Adeline Ross is the mother of eight children that are now living with her in the Chickasaw Nation near the town of Wynnewood, Ind. Terr., whose names are as follows: Willie Paul, Ben Ross, Dick Ross, Resia Ross, Albert Ross, Alice Ross, Michael Ross, & John Ross.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of August 1896.

Notary Public in and for the  
Southern District of the  
Indian Territory.

*Southern District*



**End**

Bell Ross

#845

Bell Ross

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. GARRISON and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:- The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of ..... and ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

My Name is Bell Ross. I am 16 yrs. of age. My P. O. address is Vineyard, Jack County, Texas. I am an admixture of White and Choctaw blood and I am 1/8 Choctaw blood. I am the daughter of the late Edward L. Dillard and Sarah Dillard the said Sarah Dillard was born about the year of 1820 and died in 1893. She was born in the State of Mississippi, and died in the State of Mississippi, and she was the daughter of the late John Chronister. I derive my Choctaw blood from my mother the late Sarah Dillard who was an admixture of White and Choctaw blood and who was 1/4 Choctaw blood and who is the daughter of the late John Chronister a Choctaw Indian by blood and who was a member of the Choctaw Indian tribe and who was born in Mississippi about the year of 1790 and died about the year of 1887. Applicant says her maiden name is Dillard, daughter of the late Sarah Dillard and Edward L. Dillard, and that she was born in Grayson County Texas. That she inter-married with James R. Ross in 1895, with whom she now lives.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely: Affidavit of herself. Affidavit of John W. Sanders. Affidavit of Tom York.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried. Respectfully submitted, Bell Ross Applicant.

| NAMES.        | AGES. | RELATIONSHIP.     |
|---------------|-------|-------------------|
| Bell Ross     | 16    | Choctaw by blood. |
| James R. Ross | 36    | White man.        |

The State of Texas County of Jack Indian Territory District. Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the State of Texas, Bell Ross, who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes. Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 26 day of August 1896. My commission expires on the day of 1896. Notary Public. P. D. Galbreath & P. D. Hopkins in and for Jack County.



# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Bell Ross  
 FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Choctaw NATION,  
 STATE OF Choctaw Nation }  
 COUNTY OF Tobucksee } SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Tom York, who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 74 years of age, and a resident of the State of Choctaw Nation and County of Tobucksee, and his postoffice address is Simpson, I. T.; that he is personally acquainted with John Chronister who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he is a full blood Choctaw Indian and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation and member of the Choctaw Indian tribe and that he was born in Leake County, Miss. in 1822, and that he was personally acquainted with John Chronister who, formerly resided in Leake County, Miss. and that he became acquainted with said John Chronister about 1835 and knew him personally up until he moved away from Miss. he was about 1845.

Affiant further says that the said John Chronister was a Choctaw Indian and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and a member of the Choctaw Indian tribe.

Affiant has not seen him since about 1845 at which time said John Chronister migrated west of the Miss. river and that he does not know whether he is living or is dead.

Affiant further says that said John Chronister had a family who resided on Miss. but he was not acquainted with the members of his family.

Affiant further says that he has no interest in the result of the case whatever.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said John Chronister from about 1835 up and until about 1848 and until he migrated west, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said John Chronister indicate that he was Choctaw Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said John Chronister he believes the said Bell Ross to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said John Chronister.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15

day of June

1896

Tom York  
Notary Public

My Commission expires



# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Bell Ross  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

STATE OF.....  
COUNTY OF.....

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Bell Ross who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 16 years of age, and a resident of the State of Texas and County of Gadsden and that she is personally acquainted with John Chronister who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That her maiden name is Dillard that she is the daughter of the late Edward G. Dillard and Sarah Dillard that the maiden name of said Sarah Dillard was Chronister and she is the daughter of the late John Chronister and who was born in Mississippi about the year of 1790 and died in Texas about the year of 1851 that the said Chronister was a Choctaw Indian by blood and a member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Affiant further says that she has been taught by her parents that the said John Chronister intermarried with a Choctaw Indian woman and in Mississippi and by such marriage said Sarah Dillard nee Chronister was born in Mississippi about the year of 18.

Affiant further says that the said Sarah Dillard nee Chronister subsequently moved to the Choctaw Nation and died in 1873 at Atoka County (Choctaw Nation).

Affiant further says that she has been taught by her mother that she the said Sarah Dillard was at least 1/4 Choctaw blood and an admixture of white and Choctaw blood and that the said John Chronister was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation and a member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians.

Affiant has been taught by her mother that she the said Sarah Dillard was formerly a member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians and at the time of her death was seeking to establish her right and to be readmitted to Choctaw citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Affiant further says that she intermarried with the gentl. R. Ross with whom she now lives.

Affiant further says that she has been taught by her mother that she intermarried with Edward G. Dillard a white man in the state of Texas and by such marriage affiant was born in the state of Texas in 1850 that said Edward G. Dillard died in the state of Texas in 18.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said John Chronister for the past years and knows that he has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said affiant indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Sarah Dillard she believes the said affiant to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the late John Chronister who was a Choctaw Indian by blood and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation and a member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of August 1896.

R. D. Gilmore & J. P. Griffin  
Notary Public in  
and for Rocky Tex  
My Commission expires

# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Bill Ross  
 FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Choctaw NATION, as a Choctaw  
 STATE OF Indian Territory } by blood.  
 COUNTY OF Pickens } SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared John W. Sanders who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 46 years of age, and a resident of the State of Chickasaw and County of Pickens and his postoffice address is Neuldon D. T.; that he is personally acquainted with Bill Ross who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw

Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)  
That he is personally acquainted with Bill Ross and knew her intimately all of her life. He knows that she is the daughter of the late Edward L. and Sarah Dillard, and has known the said Sarah Dillard for more than 30 years, and knows that she the said Sarah Dillard was recognized and regarded by the public as a Choctaw Indian woman. That she was born about the year of 18 and died in Atoka County in 1893.

Affiant further says that the said Bill Ross intermarried with James R. Ross in 1895 with whom she now lives. Now she is at least 1/8 Choctaw by blood, and an admixture of white and Choctaw. The said Sarah Dillard at least 1/4 Choctaw by blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Bill Ross for the past 12 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Bill Ross indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Sarah Dillard he believes the said Bill Ross to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe. and a lineal descendant of the Sarah Dillard.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of August 1899

My Commission expires

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Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Bell Ross  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Choctaw NATION,  
STATE OF Indian Territory }  
COUNTY OF Atoka } SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Sylvester Johnson who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 25 years of age, and a resident of the State of Choctaw Nation and County of Atoka and my postoffice address is: Coalbuto, I. T.; that he is personally acquainted with Bill Ross who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw

**Nation.** Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

A. That he became acquainted with the late Sarah Dilliard in Jack County, Texas, in 1880 and he knew her from that time up and until her death which occurred in Atoka County, in 1893.

Affiant further says that at the time of her death she was trying to prove a her right to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Affiant further says that he is personally acquainted with H. Mary A. Sanders, George Ann Poole, Sarah L. Sanders, Bell Hess, Arnold Dilliard and Robert L. Dilliard and that the and each of them are the legitimate children of the said Sarah A. Dilliard and Edward H. Dilliard and that he knows the said persons for the past fifteen years and that that are their constitutional physical appearance, habits and manner of life and that in the case of the said Sarah A. Dilliard that they are an admixture of white and Choctaw Indian blood and are at least one-eighth Choctaw blood and that said Mary A. Sanders nee Dilliard and George Ann Poole nee Dilliard and Sarah L. Sanders nee Dilliard are now living in Atoka County, Choctaw Nation, and are regarded as Choctaw in this by the people generally, and that Bell Hess, Arnold Dilliard and Robert Dilliard reside in Jack County, Texas and that they are regarded by the public generally as Choctaw Indians by blood.

Affiant further says that he is not related to the said or any of the above named persons either by blood or marriage and that he has no interest in the result of the case whatever.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Sarah A. Dillard, for the  
15 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and  
Choctaw the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said  
Sarah A. Dillard indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the  
family of the said Sarah A. Dillard he believes the said Bell Ross  
to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said  
Sarah A. Dillard.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of August 1896

My Commission expires July 8, 1900 Notary Public



IN THE MATTER OF

*Bell Ross*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the

*Choctaw*

Nation, I. T.

*J. P. Mullen*  
*Atty. for Petitioner*



**End**

W. E. Ross

W. E. Ross

Central Judicial District  
Indian Territory.

To Hon. Henry L. Dawes, Chairman  
of the Dawes Commission appointed by act  
of Congress to pass upon claims for  
Citizenship of the Five Civilized Tribes of  
Indians.

Your undersigned petitioner would  
respectfully represent unto the Hon.  
Commission that I am a Choctaw  
Indian by blood and that my  
relationship with the Indians is as follows.

I am the son of David Ross and  
Louisa J. Ross. My mother Louisa J. Ross is  
the daughter of Jennie Scallions and the said Jennie Scallions is  
the daughter of John Penn Scallions a half Choctaw Indian.  
Hence I am the descendant and great-grandson of John Penn  
Scallions a half blood Choctaw Indian and  
by him I am one sixteenth Choctaw. I am  
the descendant of Jane Horn a full blood Choctaw Indian  
in the following degree: I am the son of David Ross and  
he is the son of Tom Ross who is the son of Jane Horn  
(a full blood Choctaw Indian) and her husband Griffin  
Ross. Hence as a descendant of Jane Horn I am her  
great-grandson and a one eighth Choctaw Indian.  
I live in Blue County Choctaw Nation Ind. Ter. and my  
Post Office is Okemuch Ind. Ter.

The Rosses and Scallions (my relatives and  
ancestors) were all residents of Tallahatchie Co. Mississippi.

Wherefore I, your petitioner, pray that  
my name be enrolled with the other Choctaw  
Indians by blood, and that I be granted all  
the rights, privileges, and annuities allowed  
such Indians by the law.

M. E. Rose

Subscribed and sworn to this  
1st day of September 1896

W. L. Roale

Notary Public in and for Cent. Ind.  
Dist. Indian Territory



Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo  
County Ind Ter Third Judicial Division.

This day personally appeared  
before me R. F. French a Notary Public  
for the above division Lige Colbert  
to me well known to be the person  
he represents himself to be and upon oath  
says as follows: I know Jesse S. Collins  
who was a half breed Choctaw Indian  
the father of Louisa Jane Ross. Louisa Jane  
Ross is the wife of David Ross who was  
a Choctaw Indian by blood.

I Lige Colbert came from Tallahatchie  
County Miss. in the year 1833. I am  
a registered citizen of the Chickasaw Nation  
I. T. Freed man I am 75 years of age.  
I have made this affidavit without  
fear or favor.

Lige <sup>his</sup> Colbert  
~~mark~~  
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of Aug. 1896.

R. F. French  
Notary Public  
My term of office expires Nov. 16, 1898.

Chickasaw Nation Ind. Ter  
Third Judicial Division

This day personally appeared  
before me R. F. French a notary  
Public of the above division  
Sam Perry to me well known  
to be the person he represents  
himself to be and upon  
oath says as follows. I  
know James Callison who was a  
half breed Choctaw Indian father of  
Louisa J. Ross. Louisa J. Ross  
is the wife of David Ross who  
was a Choctaw Indian by blood.

I, Sam Perry came from Tallahatchie  
Miss in 1883. I am an adopted  
choctaw freedman and 84 years  
of age. I have made this  
affidavit without fear or  
favor.

Sworn and <sup>his</sup> subscribed  
to before me this 29. day of  
Aug. 1896.  
R. F. French  
Notary Public

my term of office expires Nov. 16, 1898.

Southern District Ind. Terr.  
Tishomingo County.

Personally appeared before  
me J. F. Gardner, a Notary Public  
in and for Southern District Ind.  
Terr. Chickasaw nation Delily Colbert  
well known to me to be the person  
who she represents herself and of  
good reputation for truth and veracity  
who after being by me duly sworn  
says: My name is Delily Colbert &  
live near Ems Ind. Terr. I am a  
Citizen of the Chickasaw nation. I came  
from Tallahatchie County Miss. in 1833.  
I am 86 years old. I knew the Scallions  
and Rosses in Miss. I knew them to  
be Choctaw Indians by blood.  
I am not interested in the prose-  
cution or the result of M. E. Ross's  
claim.

Delily<sup>her</sup> x Colbert  
J. F. Gardner

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of Aug. 1896  
by the witness { J. F. Gardner  
Notary Pub.

Witness  
Willie Colbert.

Southern District, Ind. "Yes"

On the 31<sup>st</sup> day of Aug. 1896 personally appeared before me J. F. Gardner a Notary Public for the above named district Willie Calbert personally well known to me as the person named in the foregoing instrument as witness and says on oath that Lily Calbert did execute the same as the truth and nothing but the truth. Willie Calbert

Sworn and subscribed before me this 31 day of Aug. 1896.

J. F. Gardner

Notary Public

my official term expires 24 day of Aug. 1900.



**End**

Cornelius R. Russell  
#900

Cornelius R. Russell

Russell Ruddell Cornelius

Russell Mary Elmina

Russell Mabel Myrtle

## APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

United States of America, Indian Territory, ss.

THE HON. HENRY L. DAWES, CHAIRMAN DAWES COMMISSION, VINITA, I. T.

Your petitioner, the undersigned, being duly sworn on his oath, respectfully states that his name is Ruddell Cornelia Russell, age 39 years. post office address Brady Ind Territory, and that he is entitled by marriage to citizenship in the Indian Territory for the following reasons:

having married Mary Elmira Jones, daughter of W. J. Jones and  
Lady Franklin Jones (Coble) the said Lady Franklin Jones being a sister of  
Jones & Coble, who was a son of Mary Jones Coble. The said Mary Jones Coble  
maiden name being Mary Jones Brashers, a daughter of Joseph Brashers, a  
Cherokee Indian as shown by affidavit accompanying Jones & Coble of her  
citizenship in the Cherokee Nation I. T. to which reference is given and is duly  
made a part of this my application

That his family and relationship consists of the following named persons: My wife,  
Mary Elmira Russell age 31 years, and her children, as follows:  
Mother Myrtle Russell age 3 yrs

And respectfully asks to be enrolled, together with each member of my family, as a member of  
the Cherokee Indians in the Indian Territory.

Your petitioner states the above facts as the lawful grounds of his application for citizenship in the said Cherokee Nation, and prays that his claim may be investigated by your honorable body and that he be adjudged to be a citizen of said Cherokee Nation of Indians and entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to such citizenship in accordance with the laws and treaties made with the said Nation of Indians.

WITNESS my hand, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1896.

Witnesses:

R. T. Castleberry

Ruddell Cornelia Russell  
Mary Elmira Russell

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 1896, and I certify that the parties to this application is a  
responsible and creditable person worthy of belief, and that I am not interested in the matter to which this  
Application relates.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office on this 29 day of August 1896.

W. H. Barnett  
Notary Public Southern  
District Indian Territory



File No. ....

Office No. ....

*Russell*

APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

Pulaski County } This day appeared personally before  
and testimony } me the undersigned authority, a Justice  
Peace in and for Pulaski County, D. T. Lacy Joseph Jones  
who being by me duly sworn on the oaths says  
that Mary Elanina Russell, wife of Russell & Russell  
is my daughter, & married the said  
Russell & Russell

Subscribed & sworn to before me  
this August 24/96.  
Notary Public  
John F. Baker

Lacy Joseph Jones  
wife of R. J. Jones

**End**

Faraba Russell

#1004

Faraba Russell





# AFFIDAVIT <sup>u</sup> OF WITNESS.

**County of**

County of San Diego

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state  
aforesaid, personally appeared Robert Edmund, who  
after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 37 years of age, and a  
citizen of Tangipahoa county and state of Louisiana and that he is per-  
sonally acquainted with Mrs. Paraba Russell who is an applicant  
for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states  
that the said Mrs. Paraba Russell is the identical person she  
represents her self to be in her application for citizenship in said Nation,  
and that the said Mrs. Paraba Russell is the widow of  
William Russell deceased that she resides  
in the Parish of Tangipahoa La. that her maiden  
name was Spiny that by tradition he has learned  
that she is the great grand daughter of Thomas Franklin  
who was an affiant has heard was a native of  
that part of Mississippi known as the Choctaw Indian  
and said to be an Indian

Affiant further states that he has known the said Faraba Russell personally for the past 10 years and knows that she is and has been recognized and treated by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said Faraba Russell indicate that the said Faraba Russell is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said Faraba Russell Affiant states he has every reason to believe & so is believe that the said Faraba Russell is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Paraba Russell Choctaw to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of May 1896;  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Belcher Edwards  
and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

My commission expires on the 23 day of June 1899

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**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.**

State of Louisiana,

County of Tangipahoa } ss

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared John R. Hood, who after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 63 years of age, and a citizen of Tangipahoa county and state of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with Mr. Faraba Russell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Mr. Faraba Russell is the identical person she represents her self to be in her application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said Mr. Faraba Russell is Widow of William Russell deceased that she resides in the parish of Tangipahoa La. that she was born in Spring, that she is, affiant learns from tradition and as he truly believes a great grand daughter of the Thomas Franklin who was a nation of that part of State of Mississippi which was formerly known as the Choctaw Indians and reported to be of the Choctaw Indian tribe.

Affiant further states that he has known the said Faraba Russell personally for the past 50 years and knows that she is and has been recognized and treated by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said Faraba Russell indicate that the said Faraba Russell is of Choctaw Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said Faraba Russell Affiant states he has no reason to believe to the contrary that the said Faraba Russell is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Faraba Russell to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

John R. Hood

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of Aug 1896;  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said John R. Hood and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

W. H. McClintock Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 23 day of July 1897



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**End**

Hilton H. Russell

#1007

Hilton H. Russell

# Application for Citizenship

To the Honorable National Council of the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory.

GENTLEMEN:--The undersigned, your petitioner, this day makes this Application for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, in the Indian Territory, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of said Nation, and respectfully makes the following statement of the grounds of this Application, to wit:

That Petitioner is the grand grand grand son of one Thomas J. Franklin who the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging to said tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for this his Application for Choctaw Citizenship by blood, and respectfully awaits the time when his Application shall be truly heard and tried. Respectfully submitted.

Age Thirty years, Postoffice Arcole La.

Family, with their relationship attached, is as follows:

| NO. | NAMES.                   | SEX.          | AGE.      | RELATIONSHIP.  |
|-----|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1   | <u>Hilton H. Russell</u> | <u>male</u>   | <u>30</u> | <u>Husband</u> |
| 2   | <u>Julia Russell</u>     | <u>female</u> | <u>26</u> | <u>Wife</u>    |

In witness of which Application, I hereunto set my hand, on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1896

Hilton H. Russell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of August A. D., 1896

W. H. McLeod  
Notary

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## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

State of Louisiana,

County of Tangipahoa } ss

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared John K. Wood, who after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 63 years of age, and a citizen of Tangipahoa county and state of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with Hilton H. Russell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Hilton H. Russell is the identical person he represents him self to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said Hilton H. Russell is the identical person of Lumpkin Parish La. is the identical person of the son of Mrs. Widow Parake Russell from Spring that said Mrs. Parake Russell is by accounts he has always heard a great grand daughter of Thomas J. Franklin who once lived in that part of Mississippi known as the Indian "purchase."

Affiant further states that he has known the said Hilton H. Russell personally for the past 20 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said Hilton H. Russell indicate that the said Hilton H. Russell of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said Hilton H. Russell Affiant states he has every reason to believe he is of Indian blood that the said Hilton H. Russell is of Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Hilton H. Russell to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of May 1897.  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said John K. Wood and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

W. H. McClendon Notary Public.  
My commission expires on the 23 day of July 1897.



Recd Sept 8/96  
Keltie H Russell  
by blood

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## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

State of Louisiana,

County of Tangipahoa } ss

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared Bolivar Edwards, who after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 59 years of age, and a citizen of Tangipahoa county and state of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with Hilton H. Russell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Hilton H. Russell is the identical person he represents him self to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said Hilton H. Russell is a resident of Tangipahoa Parish La. that he is married that he is the son of Mrs Paraba Russell born Spring that said Mrs Russell (widow) is by tradition a great grand daughter of Thomas Franklin who is said to have been a Native of that part of the state of Mississippi known as the Choctaw Indian "Purchase".

Affiant further states that he has known the said Hilton H. Russell personally for the past 10 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said Hilton H. Russell indicate that the said Hilton H. Russell is of Choctaw Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said Hilton H. Russell Affiant states that the said Hilton H. Russell is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Hilton H. Russell to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

Bolivar Edwards

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Aug. 1896.  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Bolivar Edwards and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

W. H. McClinton Notary Public

My commission expires on the 23 day of Jan'y 1897

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Lee L. Russell  
#1064

Lee L. Russell



Russell Lee L.  
Russell Sarah C.  
Russell Una F.  
Russell Glenn  
Russell Clarence

## Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable National Council of The Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory:

GENTLEMEN:--The undersigned, your petitioner, this day makes this  
Application for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, in the  
Indian Territory, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of said Nation,  
and respectfully makes the following statement of the grounds of this  
Application, to wit:

That Your Petitioner is the great great grand son  
of one Thomas J. Franklin who the undersigned fully believes was an  
Indian belonging to said tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for  
this his Application for Choctaw Citizenship by blood, and re-  
spectfully awaits the time when his Application shall be truly heard and  
tried. Respectfully submitted.

Age 27 years, Postoffice Arcole La

Family, with their relationship attached, is as follows:

| NO. | NAMES.           | SEX.   | AGE.   | RELATIONSHIP.               |
|-----|------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|
| 1   | Lee L. Russell   | male   | 27     | Husband & Father of Family  |
| 2   | Sarah C. Russell | female | 22     | Wife & Mother of the Family |
| 3   | Una F. Russell   | female | 4      | Daughter                    |
| 4   | Glenn Russell    | male   | 3      | Son                         |
| 5   | Clarence Russell | male   | 4 mos. | Son                         |

In witness of which Application, I hereunto set my hand, on this the

20th day of August 1896

Lee L. Russell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of August A. D., 1896

M. W. McLendon

Not Pub

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## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

State of Louisiana,

County of Tangipahoa } ss

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared John R. Wood, who after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 63 years of age, and a citizen of Tangipahoa county and state of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with Lieut. L. Russell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Lieut. L. Russell is the identical person he represents him self to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said Lieut. L. Russell is a resident of the Parish of Tangipahoa he is married that he is a son of Mrs. Furaha Russell (widow) whose name before marriage was Spring- that said Mrs. Furaha Russell is a great trading daughter of Thomas Franklin as he has always heard and believe and that said Franklin was a Native of the Choctaw Purchase in Mississippi and is member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians. Affiant further states that he has known the said Lieut. L. Russell personally for the past 20 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said Lieut. L. Russell indicate that the said Lieut. L. Russell is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said Lieut. L. Russell Affiant states that he has every reason to believe and does believe that the said Lieut. L. Russell is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Lieut. L. Russell to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

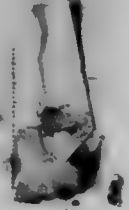
John R. Wood

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Aug 1896;  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said John R. Wood and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

W. M. Clemon Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 23 day of Jan 1899

Recd Sept 8/96  
Lee L Russell  
by blood



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## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

State of Louisiana,

County of Tangipahoa } ss

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared Bobier Edwards, who after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 59 years of age, and a citizen of Tangipahoa county and state of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with Lee L. Russell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Lee L. Russell is the identical person he represents him self to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said Lee L. Russell is a resident of the Parish of Tangipahoa La. is a married man is a son of Mrs. Faraba Russell whose name before her marriage was Spring. That said Mrs. Faraba Russell according to tradition is the great grand daughter of Thomas J. Franklin who was a native of that part of the state of Mississippi known as the Choctaw Purchase and said to be a member of the Choctaw Indian Tribe.

Affiant further states that he has known the said Lee L. Russell personally for the past 10 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said Lee L. Russell indicate that the said Lee L. Russell is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said Lee L. Russell Affiant states he has every reason to believe that the said Lee L. Russell is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Lee L. Russell to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

Bobier Edwards

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of August 1896;  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Bobier Edwards and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

W. H. McCloud Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 23 day of June 1897

**End**

Mattie M. Russell  
#414

Mattie M. Russell

Recorded in  
Book C. page 119  
Tobacco County  
Records

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Jan. 24 1893  
J. P. Thompson  
W. H. Ansel  
Tobacco County  
G. A. H.

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January 21<sup>st</sup> 1893.

(1) This is to certify that on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1892, I did solemnize the rite of matrimony between Mr. H. M. Russell to Miss M. A. Jones, by the authority vested in me by law as an ordained minister of the Gospel.

Whereunto I set my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1893. E. J. Matthews  
South Canadian T.

My license are recorded in Book  
A. page 162.

BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of  
Mrs *Mattie M. Russell* Applicant for  
enrollment as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

YOUR APPLICANT Mrs *Mattie M. Russell*, respectfully  
represents to this Honorable Commission that she is a regularly recognized member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians of the Choctaw Nation and is entitled to be placed upon the rolls, to be prepared by this Honorable Commission as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians on the following grounds, to-wit:

1st. There is no true and perfect roll of the members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians and no law or authority for the Choctaws to make such a roll.

2nd On the *28* day of *Nov* 18*92* your applicant was a white woman and a citizen of the United States and on said day was legally married to  
*M. M. Russell*, who was then and is now a regularly recognized member by blood, of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, a copy of the marriage certificate is hereto attached and marked Exhibit "A," and made a part hereof.

That there was not then nor is there now, any law of the Choctaw Nation authorizing the issuing of a marriage license and it was and now is the established custom for Choctaw men to marry white women without a license from the Choctaw Nation and by such marriage white women become members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians and are so recognized by the Choctaw authorities.

Your applicant files herewith the affidavit of *S. E. Lewis*  
as additional proof of the citizenship of said *William M. Russell* and  
the custom among the Choctaws and asks to be placed upon the rolls as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *7th*  
day of *Sept* 1896

*G. W. Newton*  
Notary Public for the Central District of the Indian Territory.

*Copy*

Mrs M. Russell  
or  
Choctaw Nation

White woman

BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR THE UN-CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of  
Mrs *Mrs M. Russell* Application  
enrollment as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians

BE IT REMEMBERED That on this the *5* day of *Sept* 1896,  
personally appeared before me the undersigned authority  
*A. E. Lewis* who having been by me first duly sworn according  
to law states on his oath as follows:

"I am *55* years old, I am a resident of *Adair* county of the  
Choctaw Nation and a recognized member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians. I have known  
Mrs *Mattie A. Russell* *4* years her husband *for* *four*  
her husband is a member, by blood, of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians and was such at the time he  
married *her* *he* knows his father and mother and they  
were recognized members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians. Mrs *M. A. Russell*

has ever since her marriage been a recognized member of said  
Tribe. *M. A. Russell* was *born* *in* *Adair* *county* *Ark*

At the time of Mrs *M. A. Russell* marriage to  
*M. A. Russell* it was the custom among the Choctaws for Indian  
men to marry white women without a license and from *was* *not* *granted*. That custom still  
prevails and white women who marry Indian men become members of said Tribe.

*A. E. Lewis*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *5*  
day of *Sept* 1896.  
*E. M. Nelson*

Notary Public for the Central District of the Indian Territory.

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**End**

Oscar S. Russell

#1008

Oscar S. Russell

Russell, Oscar S.,  
Russell, Ida M.,  
Russell, Laura O.,  
Russell, Dannie W.,  
Russell, Ernest V.,  
Russell, Ada R.,  
Russell, Enos F.,  
Russell, Mollie M.,  
Russell, Bolivar R.,  
Russell, Jessie L.,

# Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable National Council of *the Choctaw* Nation, Indian Territory:

GENTLEMEN:--The undersigned, your petitioner, this day makes this *his* Application for Citizenship in the *Choctaw* Nation, in the Indian Territory, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of said Nation, and respectfully makes the following statement of the grounds of this Application, to wit:

That *Your Petitioner* is the *present* *grand son* of one *Thomas J. Franklin* who the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging to said tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for this *his* Application for *Choctaw* Citizenship by blood, and respectfully awaits the time when *his* Application shall be truly heard and tried. Respectfully submitted.

Age *45* years, Postoffice *Arcole La.*

Family, with their relationship attached, is as follows:

| NO. | NAMES.            | SEX.   | AGE. | RELATIONSHIP.                  |
|-----|-------------------|--------|------|--------------------------------|
| 1   | Oscar S. Russell  | male   | 45   | Husband & Father of the Family |
| 2   | Ira M. Russell    | female | 39   | wife & Mother of the Family    |
| 3   | Laura O. Russell  | female | 18   | Daughter                       |
| 4   | Daniel W. Russell | male   | 17   | Son                            |
| 5   | Ernest V. Russell | male   | 16   | Son                            |
| 6   | Ada R. Russell    | female | 14   | Daughter                       |
| 7   | Elias F. Russell  | male   | 8    | Son                            |
| 8   | Mollie M. Russell | female | 5    | Daughter                       |
| 9   | Bolton R. Russell | male   | 5    | Son                            |
| 10  | Jessie L. Russell | male   | 2    | Daughter                       |

In witness of which Application, I hereunto set my hand, on this the *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 189*6*

*O. S. Russell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *20* day of *August* A.D., 189*6*

*W. M. McClendon*  
*Not Pub*



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## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

County of Nauyasaka } ss

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Oscar J. Russell to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

W. H. McCloud

My commission expires on the 29 day of Jan 1894

Recd Sept 20/97  
C S Russell  
By mail

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## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

State of Louisiana,

County of Tangipahoa } ss

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared John A. Wood, who after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 25 years of age, and a citizen of Tangipahoa county and state of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with Oscar S. Russell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Oscar S. Russell is the identical person he represents himself to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said Oscar S. Russell is a son of the Parson of Tangipahoa Co. La. & married him with a large family that said Oscar Russell is also of Indian blood and has one son and daughter who are affiant has seen and known as a Native of that portion of the land previously the U.S. Govt the notion of Indian blood and has known the said Oscar S. Russell personally for the past 40 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors acquaintances and the public generally as being of Indian blood and that the complexion and appearance of the said Oscar S. Russell indicate that the said Oscar S. Russell is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to me by the said Oscar S. Russell Affiant states that the said Oscar S. Russell is of Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Oscar S. Russell to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

John A. Wood

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of Aug 1896;  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said John A. Wood and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

W. H. McClure Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 20 day of Aug 1897

**End**



William Russell/  
#1058

William Russell

Russell William  
Russell McLindy  
Russell Pleasy  
Russell Virge  
Russell Bell  
Russell William  
Russell Lucas  
Russell Gat  
Russell Frank  
Russell Carrie  
Russell Susan

To Hon. Jeff Gannier. P. C.  
Choctaw Nation  
(Copy)

Seamich County, C. M.

This day comes before me a  
petition as the law directs from  
William Russell a United States Citizen  
praying - Praying for a Licence to marry  
Miss Pinkie Weary a citizen of the Choctaw  
Nation, Now therefore being satisfied  
that he has complied with the  
requirements of law I do hereby the same  
for the express purpose set forth  
in his petition

Given under my hand &  
Seal of Office this the 13th day of Feb.  
A.D. 1889.

J. L. Buean  
County Probate Clerk

Seamich County, C. M.

Recorded in my Office this Oct. 9th A.D. 1890.

J. M. Scott

County Probate Clerk

Seamich County

C. M.

Good Land Seamich County C. M.  
March 15th

This is to certify that I have visited  
in matrimony according to law  
Mr William Russell to Miss Pinkie Weary.

On this day March 15th 1889.

Daniel Miller

Recorded in my Office this Local Deacon.

Oct. 9 A.D. 1890. J. M. Scott

County Probate Clerk Seamich Co.  
C. M.

The Indian Territory } Before me  
Central District } J. J. Bohannon  
Notary Public in & for  
said Territory & District this  
day personally appeared H. J.  
Bohannon & O. A. Gooding who are  
known to me to be reputable & entitled  
to credit, & being sworn each  
one says for himself that the foregoing  
& attached documents are true & copies  
of the originals, that said originals  
were exhibited to them today, & that  
they the said Affiants themselves are  
members or citizens of the Choctaw Nation.

J. J. Bohannon

O. A. Gooding

Subscribed & sworn to before me  
this 3rd day of Sept 1896

J. J. Bohannon  
Notary Public

FRAME 1

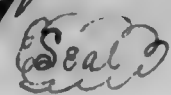


To Hon. Jeff Tanner. D. C.  
Choctaw Nation  
(Copy)

Seamichie County, C. M.

This day comes before me a  
petition as the law directs from  
William Russell a United States Citizen  
praying - Praying for a Licence to marry  
Miss Dixie Wadley a citizen of the Choctaw  
Nation, Now therefore being satisfied  
that he has complied with the  
requirements of law I do grant the same  
for the express purpose set forth  
in his petition

Given under my hand and  
Seal of Office this the 15th day of Feb.  
A.D. 1889



D. L. Bacon  
County Probate Clerk  
Seamichie County, C. M.

Recorded in my Office this Oct. 9th A.D. 1890.

G. M. Scott  
County Probate Clerk  
Seamichie County  
C. M.

Good Land Seamichie County C. M.  
March 15th

This is to certify that I have under  
in Matrimony according to law  
Mr William Russell to Miss Dixie Wadley.  
On this day March 15th 1889

Recorded in my Office this Local Deacon  
Oct. 9 A.D. 1890. G. M. Scott  
County Probate Clerk Seamichie Co.  
C. M.

The Indian Territory } Before me  
Central District } J. J. Bohannon  
Notary Public in and for  
said Territory and District this  
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Bohannon and O. A. Gooding who are  
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and attached documents are true copies  
of the originals, that said originals  
were exhibited to them today, and that  
they the said Affiants themselves are  
members or citizens of the Choctaw Nation.

J. J. Bohannon  
O. A. Gooding

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 3rd day of Sept. 1896

J. J. Bohannon  
Notary Public

FRAME 2



Hempden Ind. T. 9/3/96  
To the Hon. Secy. Chocklaw Nation Ind. T.  
Very Dear Sir, This is to let  
you know that I William Russell have this  
day send to the Commission to the Five  
Civilized Tribes, my petition claiming  
citizenship by blood. hope you will  
give this matter your attention. as the  
Law directs & Sir I am fifty years of  
age and reside at Hempden Ind. T. in  
Chickasaw Nation - or two miles North of  
old Ft. Arbuckle T. & am a grand  
son of Lucy Stevenson and a son of Eben  
Stevenson. Lucy Stevenson is the daughter  
of James Colbert a full blood Chocklaw.  
A slave woman owned by him and my  
grand mother Lucy Stevenson was set  
free at her birth by her father James  
Colbert and I am the grand son of Lucy  
Stevenson and I am one eighth Indian and  
my wife Mrs. Russell was owned by  
Samuel Colbert a Chocklaw & Chickasaw  
and was set free in the Chocklaw Nation  
and we have the following number of  
children born to us, Paley, Virge, Bell,  
Cary, Gill, Susan, Frank and Ed Russell  
and that we have never received any  
compensation from the Government, as  
provided for in the treaty of Fort Smith,  
and we ask you to pass on our petition with  
the Commission to Five Civilized Tribes  
This is to certify I have made a complete  
statement of my petition and claim there  
in & witness my hand and seal this 3rd day 1896  
Witness  
Geo. Green  
William Russell  
his  
mark

This is to certify that William Russell has  
personally appeared before me, a Notary Public,  
for the Town of Hennepin Ind. T., and stated  
that he was the man whose name appeared  
on the foregoing instrument of writing and  
that he signed the same for the purposes and  
considerations therein stated, whereunto  
I do so certify as such Notary Public  
This 13th Sept 1876

Geo. Owen  
Notary Public

Copy of Petition  
Sent to  
Daves Commission  
Sept. 3-1896

Chickasaw Nation }  
 Indian Territory } H. M. Williams  
 a Chickasaw Freedman of Jackson County  
 Chickasaw Nation, U.S. and States  
 that he has known the said William  
 Russell a Chickasaw Freedman for a  
 term of years and knows him to be  
 one eighth Indian of the Chickasaw Tribe  
 by birth and once held as a slave by the  
 Samuel Collier a Chickasaw Indian and  
 they have ever since lived in the  
 Indian Territory as such.  
 H. M. Williams  
 of Jackson Co.

Subscribed and sworn to before me a  
 Notary Public for the Territory of Arkansas,  
 this 3 day Sept 1899  
 J. C. Green  
 Notary Public



Copy of Petition to the Indian Commissioner

Chickasaw Station, Indian Territory } Resolution of Pickens  
County, Chickasaw Nation, to the Governor  
of Chickasaw Nation, to the President  
Nothing further to be done as the Indian  
of the Choctaw Nation, to the President  
Sir your Petitioners submit to all States  
that there is a young man, named, two  
miles north of Fort Smith, in the Chickasaw  
Nation, named, to be named to the  
Governor, and to the President, to the  
Governor, and to the President, to the  
a full blooded Choctaw Nation, and the women  
owned by him, and to the President, to the  
Governor, and to the President, to the  
by her father's name, to the President, to the  
Indian, and to the President, to the  
Governor, and to the President, to the  
by blood and to the President, to the  
was owned and held by the President, to the  
Colbert a Choctaw, to the President, to the  
by blood and was given over to the President, to the  
the Choctaw Nation, and to the President, to the  
the following list of children, to the President, to the  
Pheary, Russell, Virge, Russell, D. B. Russell  
Gilliam, Russell, Wm. Russell, and  
Russell and Frank Russell, and that none  
of us have ever received any money  
from the U. S. as provided in the Treaty of  
Fort Smith and we pray for your help  
on our rights &c.

William Russell

Subscribed this 3rd day of Feb. 1890

Jas. C. Brown  
Notary Public

Copy of Petition  
Sent the  
Hon. Dalm. Commission  
Vinita Ind. T.  
Sept. 8 - 94

Chickasaw Nation  
Indian Territory,

Now comes Horner by William Chickasaw  
Freedman of Pickens county Chickasaw Nation  
Indian Territory and State. That he is well  
acquainted with the family of William  
Russell Chocklaw Freedman and  
knows them to be true right Indian by  
birth and once he was bonded by  
Samuel Colbert a Chocklaw Indian  
and further State they have lived and  
abided by the laws of Chickasaw tribe  
of Indians ever since they were given  
their freedom by the United States of Am.  
Witness my hand this the 3rd day Sept.  
1896

Wm. Chickasaw  
Horned by

Subscribed this 3rd day Sept. 1896

Southern

Jas Owen

Notary Public

**End**



Charles Rutledge  
#927

Charles Rutledge

Rutledge Charles  
Rutledge Ivin  
Rutledge Eliza  
Rutledge Percy E.  
Rutledge Newton Thomas  
Rutledge Pearly  
Rutledge Henry  
Rutledge Howard  
Rutledge Obe  
Rutledge Arthur  
Rutledge Steven  
Rutledge Martha  
Rutledge Bonnie  
Montgomery Alina

Application For Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:  
Charles Rutledge

Et Al.,  
PETITIONER.

VS.

APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory.  
RESPONDENT.

TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:  
Charles Rutledge Tokey and Lettie Colbert  
bert Your petitioner states that  
Choctaw Indian by blood was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
in the present Choctaw Nation in the Ind. Ter.  
and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits  
and annuities of other Choctaw Indians by blood in the said Choctaw  
Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said  
or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said Choctaw Indians for the year.

That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said Tokey and Lettie Colbert to-wit:  
That the post-office address of your petitioner is Rollins,  
I. T.; that he is 28 years of age. That he is an admixture of white  
and Negro and Choctaw, and is at least one-fourth Choctaw  
blood. That he is the son of Hector and Martha Rutledge. That the  
maiden name of said Martha was Colbert, and was a free born Choctaw  
Indian woman, being one-half Choctaw blood, and one-half negro blood.  
That the said Martha Colbert was the daughter of the late Zachary and  
Lettie Colbert. That the said Lettie Colbert was a full blood Choctaw  
Indian, and was a recognized citizen and member of the Choctaw tribe  
of Indians, and who died in the year of 1888, in the Choctaw Nation, and  
who resided with him on the Choctaw all of her life in the Choctaw  
Nation, in the Indian Territory. Petitioner further states that the  
said Lettie Colbert was the daughter of the late John Colbert who was  
also a full blood Choctaw Indian, and was his wife Colbert, and  
both of whom resided with him upon the Choctaw all of their lives,  
and were recognized citizens both of the present Choctaw Nation, and  
in the old Choctaw Nation east of the Mississippi River.

That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs  
of the said Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and  
treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of  
said Choctaw Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights,  
benefits, privileges and annuities of other Choctaw Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner one persons, as follows, to-wit:  
Levin Rutledge, son, and one years of age  
Miss Rutledge, daughter, and 20 years of age  
(a) Mary L. son, and 3 years of age  
Wetson T. Rutledge, brother, and 21 years of age  
Pearly " sister, and 17 years of age  
Tommy and Howard (twins) brother, and 16 years of age  
Be brother, and 15 years of age  
Arthur " 13 years of age  
Leven " 8 years of age  
Mie " 6 years of age  
W. Montgomery, niece, and 11 years of age  
" " and years of age  
" " and years of age

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that name, with those of

.....said descendants, to-wit:.....  
In witness whereof, also petitioner asks that Alina Montgomery, a child  
his deceased sister, be enrolled with the name of this petitioner.  
Miss. Perry R. Henry, Howard, Pearl, Thos., One, Arthur, Steven, Bonnie,.....  
and.....be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits, privileges  
and immunities of other.....Indians, in and to the.....Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

.....  
Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner.....Charles Rutledge.....says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

*Charles Rutledge*  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this.....day of.....189.....

.....  
Notary Public

Application of

No.....

FOR.....

Enrollment in.....Nation.

Filed on the.....day of.....189.....

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

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# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Charles Rutledge et al.  
 FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Choctaw NATION.  
 STATE OF Indian Territory  
 COUNTY OF Northern District

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally  
 appeared Charles Rutledge, who, being by me duly sworn states:  
 That he is 35 years of age, a resident of the State of Choctaw Nation and County  
 of Indian Territory and that he is personally acquainted with himself  
 who is applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states  
 (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That this affiant was born in the State of Mississippi that he is  
 of white and Choctaw blood, and is at least one-fourth  
Choctaw blood. That he derives Choctaw blood from his father  
John Rutledge. That the said John Rutledge was married to Mary  
Rutledge, and he knows that her complexion and physical ap-  
 pearance indicated that she was of Choctaw blood. That he was taught  
 this and that from his earliest infancy that he is of Choctaw blood and  
 knows that he has inherited this blood, and he has others, that  
he is a descendant in the male line of the late John Robert, who was  
 the son of Mary Indian woman, and was a recognized citizen and ac-  
 knowledged member of the Choctaw Nation and of the Choctaw tribe of  
Indian in the present Choctaw Nation in the Indian Territory, and who  
 was the father of John Robert, also a recognized citizen and mem-  
 ber of the Choctaw tribe of Indian.

Affiant further states that his father and mother, with him-  
 self migrated to the Indian Territory in the year of 1835 for the  
 purpose of having the rights to Choctaw Indian citizenship  
 properly adjusted, but the Choctaw authorities have failed and refused  
 to do so.

Affiant further states that he and his brothers  
and sister, and his niece are rightfully and justly entitled to the  
 rights of citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, by virtue of their Choctaw  
ancestry, being direct lineal descendants of the late John Robert and his  
family Choctaw Indian families.

Affiant further states: That he has been known as having Choctaw Indian blood and that the com-  
plexion and physical appearance of the said himself et al indicate that they  
are of Choctaw Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and  
 circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of himself et al  
he believes that they are to be a descendant by blood  
of the Choctaw Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of Sept 1891.

My commission expires 7th day of Sept 1892.

NOTARY PUBLIC

This day personally appeared before me, John Taylor, County Judge of Sealeville County, Choctaw Nation, Angeline Folsom, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and to me well known, who, after being duly sworn, says: That she is well acquainted with Martha Rutledge, formerly Martha Colbert, and knows her to be a Choctaw Indian by blood; That about twenty years ago, I was staying at James Colbert's house, on Brushy Creek, who is a Choctaw Indian by blood, and while I was sitting there this same Martha Rutledge was travelling, and got water-bound on Brushy Creek, and stayed at the house of James Colbert's three or four days, and a while there Mrs. James Colbert told me that this woman was a Choctaw Indian woman, by blood, and was a near relation to James and Thos. and Zachary Colbert who were all Choctaw Indians by blood. Any further depositions and sayeth not.

Angeline Folsom.

1889      Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 4th day of Nov.

John Taylor.  
County Judge of Sealeville Co., Choctaw Nation

Attest  
G. W. Fanon,  
County Clerk.

This is to certify that from the evidence before me that I am thoroughly satisfied that Martha Rutledge, formerly Martha Colbert, is a Choctaw Indian by blood. That said Martha Rutledge and her children, to-wit:-

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Charles Washington        | age 22 |
| Eliza                     | 21     |
| Newton Thomas             | 14     |
| Pearly                    | 11     |
| Henry and Howard (twins ) | 9      |
| Obe                       | 8      |
| Ar fur                    | 6      |
| Steven                    | 1      |

are entitled to all the rights and privileges in the Choctaw Nation, as any other Choctaw Indian, and is further entitled to all the rights, privileges and benefits of the Choctaw Nation can confer on any Choctaw Indian by adoption or otherwise.

Given under my hand, this the 10th day of Nov. A. D. 1889.

John Taylor,  
County Judge Seville County, Choctaw Nation.

Attest

E. W. Faxon.

Widow, I. T., Oct. 14th, 1889.

This day personally appeared before me, W. J. Watts, U. S. Commissioner for the Indian Territory, Martha Rutledge, formerly Martha Colbert, the daughter of Lettie Colbert who was the daughter of Tobie Colbert a recognized Choctaw Indian by blood, after being duly sworn according to law, says that she is the ~~daughter~~ identical Martha Colbert above referred to, and that she is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and that she makes this statement in order that she may have her name properly placed on the Choctaw rolls, and says that her age is 42 years, and that she is now residing in the Cherokee Nation in the Indian Territory.

her  
Martha Rutledge  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Oct. 14th, 1889.

W. J. Watts,

U. S. Commissioner.



Ben <sup>his</sup> / Folsum  
mark

John Taylor,  
County Judge of Sculliville, Choctaw  
Nation.

E. W. Fannon,  
County Clerk.

Charles Rutledge

Choctaw

Copy

Joseph P. Mallin  
Att

**End**

Ellen Salmon

Ellen Salmon



Salmon Ellen  
Salmon John C.  
Salmon Forsey  
Salmon Lois

*Application for Citizenship*  
*United States of America Indian Territory*

The Hon. Henry L. Brown Chairman Senate Commission District 95  
 your petition the undersigned, being duly sworn on the oath of citizenship  
 states that he is a citizen of the United States of America and is a citizen of the  
 District 95 of the United States of America and is a citizen of the  
 Territory for the following reasons. - Being the daughter of Joseph B. Brown -  
 who is a Cherokee Indian - that my family & nationality consist of the  
 following persons, my husband John Brown is deceased, my children or fellows  
 John C. Brown, son & per son Henry Brown Girl & per son Lois  
 Brown Girl & per son - & respectfully asks to be an citizen, together with each  
 member of my family or a member of the Cherokee Indian in the Indian Territory  
 your petition states the above facts as the lawful ground of my application for  
 citizenship in the said Cherokee Nation they that have claim any to investigate &  
 your law book & that she has applied to be a citizen of said Cherokee Nation  
 of Indians & will then to all the rights & privileges pertaining to such citizenship in  
 accordance with the laws & treaties made with the said Nation of Indians  
 Witness my hand this day of Sept - 1896

Subscribed & sworn to before me the undersigned  
 acting as the day of Sept - 1896 & o  
 City of the said John Brown is a citizen  
 & Charlotte from history of being that I  
 am not - whether in the matter of citizenship  
 of citizenship

*John Brown*

*Notary Public*

This day appeared personally before me the undersigned  
Justice of the Peace in and for Putnam County & T  
Joseph B. Brewster who being by me duly sworn, he  
oath states that Mrs. Ellen Adams is my daughter  
daughter and marriage solemnized

Came to be subscribed before me } Joseph B. Brewster  
this 4th apt 1896  
Notary Public  
Notary Public

**End**



Ellis Sam

#1038

Ellis Sam

Sam, Ellis,  
Sam, Julia,  
Sam, Mennie,  
Sam, Franteen,  
Sam, Millen,

To his Excellency

The Governor of the Choctaw Nation  
Tulahoma Aug 27

I, Ellis Sam 64 years a full blood  
Choctaw Indian here by make application for  
citizenship in the Choctaw nation for membership  
for myself and wife and three full blood Choctaw  
Indian children viz Julia Sam age 40 years  
Nannie Sam age 18 years Frank Sam age  
13 years Millie Sam age 19 years. And your  
petitioner respectfully pray that such citizenship  
be granted upon the foregoing grounds of Justice and  
equity, and should such applications be granted  
I agree to perform or conform to such regulations  
as may be required by said Choctaw Council  
or the Government of the United States.

Respectfully Submitted

Ellis<sup>his</sup> Sam<sub>man</sub>

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
on 31 day of August A.D. 1896

J.P. Bowie circuit  
clk. of Leake Co., Mississippi

State of Mississippi }  
Leake County. } Personally Appeared  
Before J. P. Bowie Clerk of the circuit court in  
and for said County and State S. P. Mill and  
Joseph D. Eads were shown to me to be reputable  
citizens who being by me ~~asked~~ asked only sworn before  
and say & that they have personally known Ellis Sam  
age 64 a free blood Choctaw Indian for 10 years  
and believe him to be truthful and honest and  
they believe that he has made application for citizenship  
in the Choctaw nation in good faith and that  
they are not related to said Ellis Sam by  
affinity or consanguinity and are not interested in  
the promotion of the said Ellis Sam for citizenship  
in said Choctaw Nation  
witness our hands this 31<sup>st</sup> day of <sup>August</sup> ~~Sept~~ 1896

Subscribed and sworn to S. P. Mill  
Before me on 31<sup>st</sup> day of August Joseph D. Eads  
A.D. 1896.  
J. P. Bowie, Cir. Clk. of Leake Co. Miss.



**End**

Green Sam

#1037  
1039

Green Sam

Sam, Green,  
Sam, Lizer Jane,  
Sam, Sam Jones,  
Sam, Nafrum,  
Sam, Dixie,  
Sam, (wife of Green)

To his Excellency

The Governor of the Cherokee Nation  
Tulahoma, Indian Territory

I, Green Sam age 26 years a free born  
Cherokee Indian here by make application for  
Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation for membership for  
myself and wife and three free born Cherokee  
Indian children viz Liza Jane Sam age 20 years  
Sam Jones Sam age 7 years Ephraim Sam age 6 years  
Dixie Sam age 3 years and your petition respectfully  
prays that such citizenship be granted upon the  
following grounds of Justice and equity and should  
such application be granted I agree to perform or  
conform to such regulations as may be required by  
said Cherokee Council or the Government of the United  
States

Respectfully Submitted

Green Sam  
made

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
on 31 day of August A. D. 1896

J. P. Bowie Cir. Clk  
of Leake County, Mississippi



State of Mississippi }  
Leake County } Personally appeared  
Before J. P. Bowie Clerk of the Circuit Court in  
and for said County and State S. P. Hill and  
Joseph D. Eads were known to me to be reputable  
witnesses who being by me first duly sworn depose  
and say that they have personally known Green Sam  
age 26 a free blood Choctaw Indian for 10 years  
and believe him to be truthful and honest and they  
believe that he has made application for citizenship in  
the Choctaw Nation in good faith and that they  
are not related to said Green Sam by affinity  
or consanguinity and are not interested in the  
procurement of the said Green Sam for citizenship  
in said Choctaw Nation  
Witness our hands this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1896

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 31<sup>st</sup> day of Aug. A.D. 1896. } S. P. Hill  
Joseph D. Eads }  
J. P. Bowie, Cir. clk. of Leake  
Co. Miss.

**End**

Wash Sam  
#1198

Wash Sam

CASE No. 17

AFFIDAVIT

OF

*for*  
*Wash Lane*

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above written.

*J. P. McDermott J.P.*



# AFFIDAVIT.

Charles J. Keweenaw age 49

Dennis Daniel, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says:

That he resides at Laural Hill, State of Miss.; that he is 30 years of age; that he knows Wash Sam the claimant, and that he is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife Martha Sam  
 Husband Wash Sam  
 Claimant's Father Ellis Sam  
 Mother Mollie Sam  
 Claimant's Father's Father \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Father \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
 Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_  
 Indian Great Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_

## CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN. none

|         | SEX. | AGE. |          | SEX. | AGE. |
|---------|------|------|----------|------|------|
| 1. .... |      |      | 6. ....  |      |      |
| 2. .... |      |      | 7. ....  |      |      |
| 3. .... |      |      | 8. ....  |      |      |
| 4. .... |      |      | 9. ....  |      |      |
| 5. .... |      |      | 10. .... |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1896.

Attest Wm. H. Winton Charles J. Keweenaw  
Dennis Daniel

State of Miss }  
County of Nebraska } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 26 day of August, 1896,  
before me J. J. Wadsworth Justice of the Peace, personally came  
Charles Jackson Dennis Daniel who speak and  
understands the English language well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

J. J. Wadsworth J.P.

CASE No. 17

AFFIDAVIT

For  
Wadsworth

**End**

Bettie Sampson  
#1205

Bettie Sampson



Sampson, Bettie,  
Sampson, Clara,

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CASE No. 24

**AFFIDAVIT**

*Belle Crespo Mendez*

written.

*J. H. Macburt*

# AFFIDAVIT.

Captain Billy age 80  
Billy Oscar (Choctaw), having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes  
 and says:

That he resides at Trapp, State of Miss;  
 that he is 34 years of age; that he knows Rettie Sampson (Widow)  
 the claimant, and that She is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the  
 following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife .....  
 Husband was Sampson Jokeway  
 Claimant's Father Tobe  
 Mother Lou Joke Tobe  
 Claimant's Father's Father Initta  
 Father's Mother .....  
 Mother's Father .....  
 Mother's Mother .....  
 Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather .....  
 Indian Great Grandmother .....

## CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

|                        | SEX.     | AGE.     |          | SEX. | AGE. |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|------|------|
| 1. <u>Cora Sampson</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>5</u> | 6. ....  |      |      |
| 2. ....                |          |          | 7. ....  |      |      |
| 3. ....                |          |          | 8. ....  |      |      |
| 4. ....                |          |          | 9. ....  |      |      |
| 5. ....                |          |          | 10. .... |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from  
 recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought  
 to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw  
 Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 26 day of  
 ....., 1896.

Attest meares  
Chilton

Captain Billy

Billy X Oscar

State of Miss  
County of Nebraska } ss.

Be it Remembered That on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1896,  
before me J. J. Wadsworth Justice of the peace, personally came  
Captain Billy and Billy Osers who speak and  
understand the English language well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

J. J. Wadsworth J. P.

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CASE No. 24

AFFIDAVIT

Bellevue Nebraska



**End**

Arty m. Sanders

Court no. 96

Docket no. 1418

Arty m. Sanders

Sanders, Arty Mincy,

Sanders, Joseph Monroe,

" *Elyah McFadden*  
~~McFadden, Elyah, (legat?)~~

Sanders, Amanda Minerva,

Sanders, Jasper Osteen,

" ~~John~~

" *John Newton,*

" *Freddie Wilson*

App. has been made  
by last two and their  
families. -)

No Jasper Sanders on  
in case -

Joseph Sanders was admitted  
in Court Case 96. who never  
appeared before the Court.  
The original application  
(copy) shows Jasper O.  
Sanders as an applicant.  
There seems to have been  
no application made  
for Joseph A Sanders  
msd -



*Sept 1*

File No. ....

Office No. 62

*Arty M Sanders*  
*and family*

APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

FILED BY

*Wm and Pywatt*  
*Center*

Ind. Ter.

Attorneys for Applicant.

# APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

United States of America, Indian Territory, ss.

THE HON. HENRY L. DAWES, CHIEFMAN DAWES COMMISSION, VINITA, I. T.

Your petitioner, the undersigned, being duly sworn on her oath, respectfully states that her name is Artie Minney Sanders, age 62 years.

post office address Camanche, I.T., and that she is entitled by blood to citizenship in the Indian Territory for the following reasons:

I am the Grand daughter of John Cooper who was a Choctaw Indian & who intermarried in Menard, Texas about the year 1886 in North Carolina. Of this marriage 7 children were born William Houston, Sally, Delia, Henry, Berry, Norcise and Elizabeth who is deceased. Of these children Delia Cooper who is my mother intermarried to Nelson L. Nichols in Perry County, Texas, on or about the year 1882. Of this marriage 17 children were born of which I am the eldest, Artie Minney, James Houston, Otis Maberry, Augusta, Eliza Jane, who are now living and Sarah Ann, William, Mabel, Mary, Thomas, and Josephine who are deceased.

That my family and relationship consists of the following named persons: My husband now absent who was married to in 1883 in Perry Co. Ark.  
S. Sanders years, and 6 children, as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> John Newton Sanders age 42 years, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jesse Nelson Sanders age 40 years, 3<sup>rd</sup> Joseph Monroe Sanders age 37 years, 4<sup>th</sup> Eliza M. Ladden age 36 years, 5<sup>th</sup> Amanda Minerva Sanders age 30, 6<sup>th</sup> Jasper O. Sanders age 23 years of the above children 3 are married and have children to wit John Newton, Jesse Nelson and Joseph Monroe and respectfully asks to be enrolled together with each member of her family, as a member of the Choctaw Indian in the Indian Territory.

Your petitioner states the above facts as the lawful grounds of her application for citizenship in the said Choctaw Nation and prays that her claim may be investigated by your honorable body and that she be adjudged to be a citizen of said Choctaw Nation of Indians and entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to such citizenship in accordance with the laws and treaties made with the said Nation of Indians.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 1896.

Witnesses:

Artie Minney Sanders

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 1896, and I certify that the applicant is a

responsible and creditable person worthy of belief, and that I am not interested in the matter to which this matter relates.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 1896.



U. G. Nixon  
Notary Public So Dist  
I. T.

My Comm. expires June 21<sup>st</sup> 1899

Affidavit of  
Richard Frost

Witness in Claim of

Henry M. Jones & family

for citizenship in  
Cherokee Nation

Copy



# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

*Indian Territory*  
*Southern District*

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared *Dehus Grest of Comanche Co* who after being duly sworn states that *he* is *81* years of age, and is a citizen of *Ind. Terr.* County and State of *Ind. Terr.* and that *he* is personally acquainted with *Arty Minney Sanders of Comanche Co* Who is an applicant for citizenship in the *Choctaw* Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said *Arty Minney Sanders* is the identical person *she* represents self to be in *her* application for citizenship in said Nation and that the said *Arty Minney Sanders* is the legal and undoubted wife of *S. M. Sanders* of this marriage they had 6 children to wit: *John Newton, Jessie Wilson, Joseph Mondor, Jasper Green,* all of whom are now living and I know to be the legal and lawful children of the said *Arty Minney Sanders* and *S. M. Sanders*. I know the said *Arty*

*Minney Sanders*, formerly *Arty Minney Nichols*, to be the lawful daughter of *Delitha Nichols*, whose maiden name was *Delitha Cooper*. The said *Delitha Nichols* & her brother *William Cooper* was commonly reported and recognized to be of *Choctaw Indian* blood.

Applicant further states that *he* has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said *Applicant* to citizenship in the *Choctaw* Nation, I. T.

*Dehus Grest*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *17* day of *Aug* A. D., 189*6* and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said *Dehus Grest* and know *him* to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

My Commission expires on *21st* day of *June* 189*9* *U. G. Wynn* Notary Public *Ind. Terr.*



# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

Indian Territory,  
Saverton District

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared Bethuel Grest of Comanche Co. Ind who after being duly sworn states that he is 81 years of age, and is a citizen of Ind In Cherokee County and State of Ind In and that he is personally acquainted with Arty Mincey Sanders of Comanche Co. Ind Who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Arty Mincey Sanders is the identical person she represents self to be in her application for citizenship in said Nation and that the said Arty Mincey Sanders is the legal and undoubted wife of S. M. Sanders, of this marriage they had 6 children to wit: John Newton Jessie Wilson.

Affiant further states that he has known the said Arty Mincey Sanders for the leading loud in the Indian Co. as an Indian and enjoying all rights past 47 years and knows that she is and has been recognized and treated by neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Arty Mincey Sanders indicate that the said applicant is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to me by the said Arty Mincey Sanders he has every and does reason to believe that the said applicant Choctaw Indian blood. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said applicant to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T. Bethuel Grest

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of Aug A. D., 1896 and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Bethuel Grest and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity. W. G. Wynn Notary Public

My Commission expires on 21st day of June 1899

**End**

Charles B. Sanders  
#818

Charles B. Sanders

Sanders, Charles B.,  
Sanders, Sarah L.,  
Sanders, Samuel M.,  
Sanders, Arthur D.,  
Sanders, Hartwell,  
Sanders, Lessie,



# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Charles L. Sanders  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Choctaw NATION,

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ } SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Charles L. Sanders who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 47 years of age, and a resident of the State of Choctaw Nation and County of Choctaw and Choctaw, I. T. ; that he is personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_ who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he is a white man and that he was born in Missouri and that he is married to Sarah L. Dillard in 1885, and that he has been married with Sarah L. Dillard in 1885, in Jackson County, Texas, in 1880, with whom he now lives and that by such marriage the following children are born and are now living, to-wit: Sam. Arthur, Hardee, Leslie Sanders, Billie. Affiant further says that said Sarah L. Dillard is an admixture of white and Choctaw blood and at least one-fourth Choctaw blood and that said children are at least one-fourth Choctaw blood and are admixture of white and Choctaw blood, and that said Sam. Arthur, Hardee, Leslie Sanders, Billie derives her Choctaw blood from her mother the late Sarah L. Dillard. Billie was a Choctaw Indian by blood and was born at least one-fourth Choctaw by blood and was born in 1840 and died in Choctaw County, Choctaw Nation, I. T. 1893, and that she was the daughter of the late John Chromster, who was a Choctaw Indian by blood and a member of the Choctaw Indian tribe and was born about the year of 1780 and died in 1881. Affiant further says that he and his family are now residing in Choctaw County, I. T. and that his wife and said children are Choctaw Indian by blood and derives their Choctaw Indian blood from the late Sarah L. Dillard, mother of said Sarah L. Dillard, and who was the daughter of the late John Chromster, who was a Choctaw Indian citizen and a member of the Choctaw Indian tribe.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ years, and knows that \_\_\_\_\_ has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having \_\_\_\_\_ Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said \_\_\_\_\_ indicate that he is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said John Chromster, he believes the said Sarah L. Dillard to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said John Chromster.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of August, 1896

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_  
M. M. Chumley Notary Public.

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and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Attorney for petitioner.

The aforementioned petitioner,

*Charles B. Sanders*

says that the statements

set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

*C. B. Sanders*

Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 17

day of Aug.

1896

*W. M. Winingshaw*

Notary Public.

No.

APPLICATION OF

*Charles B. Sanders Et. Al.*

FOR

Enrollment in *Choctaw* Nation

Filed on the day of 189.

*J. P. Mullen*

Sec. U. S. Com Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

CAPITAL PRINT, South McAlester.





and said descendants to-wit: Samuel M. Arthur D. Hartwell  
and Jessie Sanders.

and Charles B. Sanders beenrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges and  
immunities of other Choctaw Indians, in and to the Choctaw Nation or  
Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

And in support of said claim herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence namely:

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner  
will ever pray, etc.

Attorneys for petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner, Charles B. Sanders says that the statements  
set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 17 day of Aug. 1896.

M. W. Williams  
Notary Public.

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| No. | APPLICATION OF                   |                |        |  |  |
|     | <u>Charles B. Sanders N. H.</u>  |                |        |  |  |
|     | Enrollment in                    | <u>Choctaw</u> | Nation |  |  |
|     | Filed on the                     | day of         | 189    |  |  |
|     | <u>J. P. Williams</u>            |                |        |  |  |
|     | Not. U. S. Com. Five Cts. Fee 5. |                |        |  |  |
|     | Attorney for Petitioner.         |                |        |  |  |
|     | CAPITAL PRINT, South McAlester.  |                |        |  |  |



**End**

James A. Sanders  
#828

James A. Sanders

Sanders, James A.,  
Sanders, Mary A.,  
Sanders, William H.,  
Sanders, Dollie E.,  
Sanders, Sarah P.,  
Sanders, Luther P.,  
Sanders, Emmett G.,

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF James A. Sanders  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Choctaw NATION,  
STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ } SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared James A. Sanders who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 39 years of age, and a resident of the State of Choctaw Nation and County of Atoka and his postoffice address is Coal Gate, D. T.; that he is personally acquainted with James A. Sanders who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he is a white man and that he was born in Missouri, that he immigrated to Texas in 1865 and that he intermarried with Mary A. Dillard in Jack County, Texas, in 1887, with whom he now lives and the by such marriage the following children were born and are now living to-wit, Harvey H. Dollie E. Sarah P., Luther F., Emmett G., Sanders. Affiant further says that said Mary A. Sanders is an admixture of white and Choctaw blood and is at least one-fourth Choctaw blood that said children are at least one-sixteenth Choctaw blood and are admixture of white and Choctaw blood, and that said Mary A. Sanders nee Dillard derives her Choctaw blood from her mother the late Sarah A. Dillard who was a Choctaw Indian by blood and at least one-fourth Choctaw blood and who was an admixture of white and Choctaw blood and who was born in 1846 and died in Atoka County, Choctaw Nation, in 1893, and she was the daughter of the late John Chronister who was a Choctaw Indian by blood and a member of the Choctaw Indian tribe and was born about the year of 1790 and died in 1851.

Affiant further says that he and his family are now residing in the Choctaw Nation, I. T. and that his wife and said children are Choctaw Indians by blood and derive their Choctaw Indian blood from the late Sarah A. Dillard, mother of said Mary A. Sanders and who was the daughter of the late John Chronister, a Choctaw Indian citizen and a member of the Choctaw Indian tribe.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_

past \_\_\_\_\_ years, and knows that \_\_\_\_\_ has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having \_\_\_\_\_ Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said \_\_\_\_\_ indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Mary A. Sanders he believes the said Mary A. Sanders nee Dillard to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said Sarah A. Dillard formerly Chronister.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of August 1894  
W. W. Thompson  
Notary Public.

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_



with ever pray, etc.

*James H. Bond*  
Attorney for petitioner.

The aforementioned petitioner,

*James H. Bond*

says that the statements

set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

*1*

day of

*August*

1896.

*James H. Bond*  
Petitioner.

*Wm. H. Bond*  
Notary Public.

No.

APPLICATION OF

*James H. Bond* Al.

FOR

Enrollment in *Choctaw* Nation

Filed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189.

*J. P. Mullen*  
Sec. U. S. Com. Five Cr. Tribes.  
Attorney for Petitioner.

CAPITAL PRINT, South McAlester.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

Before the United States Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians:

James A. Sanders Et. Al.  
PETITIONER,  
Choctaw VS.  
Nation, Indian Territory,  
RESPONDENT.

APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner James A. Sanders states that he is a white man, having father was an Indian by blood Indian by blood, was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in the old Choctaw Nation, now Mississippi and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and immunities of other Choctaw Indians by blood in the said Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said John Chronister appears or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said Choctaw Indians for the year 18

That the petition is a lineal descendant of the said John Chronister to-wit

That he is 39 years old that his postoffice address is Coal-ate, I. T. and that he intermarried with Mary A. Dilliard, in the year of 1887 and that the said Mary A. Sanders nee Dilliard was and admixture of white and Choctaw Indian blood and was at least one-eighth Choctaw blood and that she was the daughter of the late Edward L. and Sarah A. Dilliard and that the said Sarah A. was an admixture of white Choctaw blood and was at least one-fourth Choctaw blood and she was born about the year of 1848 and died in Atoka County, Choctaw Nation, in 1893 and that she was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation and a member of the Choctaw Indian tribe and the daughter of the late John Chronister, who was a Choctaw Indian by blood and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and a member of the Choctaw Indian tribe and who was born about the year of 1790 and died in 1861, and that by such marriage with said Mary A. Dilliard the following children were born and are now living and whose names below.

That under the continuation, laws, usages and customs of the said Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said Choctaw Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other Choctaw Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner seven persons, as follows, to-wit:

|                    |   |     |   |              |
|--------------------|---|-----|---|--------------|
| William H. Sanders | a | and | 9 | years of age |
| Dollie E.          | a | and | 8 | years of age |
| Sarah P.           | a | and | 6 | years of age |
| Luther F.          | a | and | 3 | years of age |
| Emmett G.          | a | and | 1 | years of age |
|                    | a | and |   | years of age |
|                    | a | and |   | years of age |
|                    | a | and |   | years of age |
|                    | a | and |   | years of age |
|                    | a | and |   | years of age |
|                    | a | and |   | years of age |

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that his name, with those of

Descendants of the late John Chronister who,

Before the United States Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians:

James H. Sanders, Et. Al. PETITIONER,  
VS.  
Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, RESPONDENT.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner James B. Tarden states that there is a skeleton in the closet  
was an Indian by blood Indian by blood, was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
the Choctaw nation, now Mississippi and enjoyed all the rights, privileges,  
Choctaw Indians by blood in the said Choctaw appears  
benefits and immunities of other non-choctaws  
Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said Choctaw Indians for the year 18  
should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said Choctaw

That the petition is a lineal descendant of the said *John C. Chandler* to-wit:

That he is 30 years old that his postoffice address is Coal-  
ate, I. T. and that he intermarried with Mary A. Dillard, in the ve-  
lar of 1887 and that the said Mary A. Sanders nee Dillard was and ad-  
ixture of white and Choctaw Indian blood and at least one-eighth  
Choctaw blood and that she was the daughter of the late Edward I. and  
Sarah A. Dillard and that the said Sarah A. was an admixture of white  
Choctaw blood and was at least one-fourth Choctaw blood and she was bor-  
n about the year of 1846 and died in Akok Catty, Choctaw Nation, in 18-  
83 and that she was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation and a member of the  
Choctaw Indian tribe and the daughter of the late John Christopher, who  
was a Choctaw Indian by blood and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and  
a member of the Choctaw Indian tribe and who was born about the year of  
1790 and died in 1861 and that by such marriage with said Mary A. Dil-  
lard the following children were born and are now living and whose  
names below.

laws, usages and customs of the said Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said Choctaw Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other Choctaw Indians by blood.

TThat there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner *John*.....persons, as follows, to-wit:

[illegible]

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that jud name, with those of

descendants of the noble John de Courci in 1200,

said descendants to-wit: *William N. Dollie E. Sarah P.*  
*Luther F. and Emmett G. Sanders*  
and *James A. Sanders* be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges and  
immunities of other *Choctaw* Indians, in and to the *Choctaw* Nation or  
Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

And in support of said claim herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence namely:

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner  
will ever pray, etc.

*James A. Sanders*  
Attorneys for petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner, *James A. Sanders* says that the statements  
set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

*James A. Sanders* Petitioner.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *17* day of *August*, 1896.  
*W. H. Thompson*  
Notary Public.

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| No.           | APPLICATION OF                  |                          |
|               | <i>James A. Sanders, et al.</i> |                          |
| Enrollment in | <i>Choctaw</i>                  | Nation                   |
| Filed on the  | day of                          | 189                      |
|               | <i>J. P. McCallister</i>        | Attorney for Petitioner. |
|               | CAPITAL PRINT, South McAlester. |                          |



**End**

Jesse W. Sanders

CART NO. 96

DATED 10 14/8

Jesse W. Sanders

Sanders, James W.,  
Sanders, Elmer,  
Sanders, Edie May,  
Sanders, James H.,  
Sanders, John H.,  
Sanders, Joseph M.,

Marriage Certificate  
J. H. Tondure  
Jr.

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Lizzie Harris

Witness



*Certificate of Marriage:*

*State of Missouri      I hereby certify  
County of Christian      that on the sixteenth  
day of October in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and  
ninety three at Ozark in the County  
of Christian and State aforesaid, I, the  
undersigned a Judge of Probate  
Court by authority of a License bear-  
ing date the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1893  
and issued by the Recorder of Christ-  
ian County Missouri, did join in  
holy matrimony J. W. Sanders of  
the County of Christian and State of  
Missouri, and Leggie Harris, of the  
County of Toney State of Missouri  
in the presence of George B. Gideon  
John H. Lewis, witnesses.*

*John P. Hallin  
Judge of Probate Court.*

Jesse W. Sanders

Application

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Filed by Winn  
& Pys at of  
Genl. S.

Atty for applicant

And certified and sworn to before me  
the undersigned authority, on this 12  
day of Aug. 1896 and I certify that the  
Jesse W. Sanders is a responsible and  
credible person worthy of belief and  
that I am not interested in the  
matter to which this application relates.  
Witness my hand and seal of office  
on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1896  
W. G. Winn  
Notary Public, do swear &c.  
My Com. expires June 21st 1899.

United States of America,  
Indian Territory,  
The Hon. Henry L. Dows,  
Chairman Dows Commission  
Vinita, I.T.

I am petitioner the undersigned  
being duly sworn on his oath  
respectfully states that his  
name is Jesso H. Sanders, age 40  
years, post office address Tessa,  
I.T.; and that he is entitled by  
blood, and his wife Lizzie Sanders  
by intermarriage, to citizenship  
in the Indian Territory for the  
following reasons: I am the  
great-grand child of John Cooper  
who was a Choctaw Indian  
and who intermarried to Nancy  
Ann Piles about the year 1785  
in North Carolina. Of this  
marriage 7 children were born  
to wit: William Houston, Polly,  
Delitha, (who is my Grand-mother)  
Henry, Perry, Narcise, and  
Elizabeth (who is now deceased)  
Of these children Delitha Cooper  
who is my Grand mother, was  
intermarried to Wilson L. Nichols

in Perry County, Tennessee, in or  
about the year 1832. Of this mar-  
riage 12 children were born to wit:  
Arty Mincy, James B. Orrin M.  
Hulda, Eliza Jane, all now  
living, and Mary Coraline,  
Sarah Ann, William, Mases,  
Nancy, Thomas, Josephine, all  
now deceased. Of these children  
Arty Mincy Nichols, now Sanders  
who is the eldest child, is my  
mother, and was intermarried  
on or about the day of  
1853, in Searcy Co. Ark. to S. N.  
Sanders. Of this marriage 6  
children were born to wit:  
John N. Jesse W. Joseph  
M. Elijah M. Amanda M.  
Jasper O., all now living <sup>and</sup>  
the lawful children of the said  
Arty Mincy and S. N. Sanders  
Of these children I am the  
second child and was intermar-  
ried first to Malinda Goodall  
in Searcy County Ark. Sept 11<sup>th</sup>  
1879. Of this marriage I have  
3 children all living to wit:



James R., John N.<sup>and</sup> Joseph M.  
all my lawful children, by my  
second marriage on the day  
of 1893, in Christian Co. Mo.  
to Lizzie Harris, my present  
wife, by whom I have one child  
named Lizzie May, age 1 year  
my lawful child.

That his family and relationship  
consists of the following named  
persons: my wife Lizzie  
Sanders age 21 years, and 4  
children as follows: James  
R. John N. Joseph M.<sup>and</sup>  
Lizzie May, all my true and  
lawful children. And respect-  
fully asks to be enrolled toget-  
her with each member of his  
family, as members of the Choctaw  
Indians in the Indian Territory  
Your petitioner states the above  
facts as the lawful grounds of  
his application for citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation and prays  
that his claim may be investig-  
ated by your honorable body  
and that he be adjudged to be a  
citizen of said Choctaw Nation

of Indians and entitled to all the  
rights and privileges pertaining  
to such citizenship in accordance  
with the Laws and Treaties made with  
the said Nation of Indians  
Witness my hand on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
Aug: 1896, Jessor W. Sanders

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
the undersigned authority, on this 12  
day of Aug. 1896 and I certify that the  
Jessor W. Sanders is a responsible and  
credible person worthy of belief, and  
that I am not interested in the  
matter to which this application relates.  
Witness my hand and seal of office  
on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1896

U. G. Winn  
Notary Public, So Dist I. T.  
My Com. expires June 21<sup>st</sup> 1899.

Jessor W. Sanders

Application

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Genl. G. J.

Always for applicant

Affidavit of  
*Jno. W. Sanders*  
Witness in Claim of  
*Jesse W. Sanders et al*  
for citizenship in *Choctaw* Nation

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# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

*Indian Territory,  
Seventh District*

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared *John N Sanders of Comanche Co* who after being duly sworn said that *he* is *42* years of age, and is a citizen of *Peckens* County *Ind. Terr.* and that *he* is personally acquainted with *Jason W. Sanders, and an own brother to him.* Who is an applicant for citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said *Jason W. Sanders* is the identical person *he* represents self to be in *his* application for citizenship in said Nation and that the said *Jason W. Sanders* is *the lawfull son of* *Anthony Sanders, formerly Arty. Meiney Nichols* That the said *Jason W. Sanders* *was* lawfully married to *Malinda Goodall* on the *11* day of *Sept* 1879 and by this marriage he has 3 children to wit: *James N. John N. and Joseph M.* and by a second marriage on the day of *October* 1893 to *Lizzie Harrison Christian Co. Mo.* he has one more child by name *Lyle May*, age 1 year, as the true and lawful child of the said *Jason W. Sanders* and his present wife *Lizzie Harrison* and further states that *he* has known the said *Jason W. Sanders* for the past *40* years and knows that *he* is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person having *Cherokee* Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *Jason W. Sanders* indicate that the said *Jason W. Sanders* is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to *me* by the said *Jason W. Sanders* Affiant states *he* has every reason to believe that the said *Jason W. Sanders* is of *Cherokee* Indian blood. Affiant further states that *he* has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said *Jason W. Sanders* to citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*John N Sanders*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *17* day of *Aug* A. D., 189*6* and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said *John N Sanders* and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

*W. G. Wain* Notary Public.

My Commission expires on *21* day of *June* 189*6* Dist. *Ind.*



**End**

John N. Sanders

Court no 96

Dawes no. 1418

John N. Sanders

Sanders, John H.,

Sanders, Caroline,

Sanders, Mary Monroe,

*Sanders Monroe*  
Sanders, William Newton,

Sanders, Thomas Wilson,

Sanders, Minnie Rachel

Sanders, Nancy Ellen

John N. Sanders et al  
Application for  
Citizenship

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Center & Co.  
attys for Applicants



United States of America  
Indian Territory

The Hon. Henry L. Sours,  
Chairman Sours Commission  
Venita, I.T.

Your petitioner the undersigned  
being duly sworn on his oath  
states that his name is John  
Newton Sanders age 42 years,  
past office address Comanche  
I.T. and that he is entitled by blood  
and his wife Caroline Sanders by  
intermarriage, to citizenship in  
the Indian Territory for the fol-  
lowing reasons:

That he is the legal and lawful  
son of Asby Minney Sanders  
whose application for citizen-  
ship in the Indian Territory  
is hereto appended. That he  
was legally and lawfully mar-  
ried in Searey Co. Arkansas  
to Caroline Sanders, and from  
his marriage he has had born  
unto them six children as  
follows: Mary, Monroe,  
William Newton, Thomas  
Wilson, Minnie Rachel and

Nancy Ellen, All of which are  
now living, That his family  
consists of the following  
named persons, My wife  
Coraline Sanders who inter-  
married to me, and six child-  
ren, as follows: Same as  
above written: Mary, Monroe,  
William Newton, Thomas Wilson,  
Minnie Rachel, and Nancy Ellen.  
And respectfully asks to be en-  
rolled together with each member  
of his family, as members of  
the Choctaw Indians in the  
Indian Territory.

Yours petitioner states the above  
as the lawful grounds of his  
application for citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation, and prays  
that his claim may be investig-  
ated by your honorable body, and  
that he be adjudged to be a  
citizen of the Choctaw Nation  
of Indians and entitled to all  
the rights and privileges pertain-  
ing to such citizenship in  
accordance with the Laws and

the rights and privileges pertaining to such citizenship in accordance with the Laws<sup>and</sup>

Treaties made with the said Nation of Indians  
Witness my hand, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896.

John N. Sanders  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned authority on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896, and I certify that the said John N. Sanders is a responsible and creditable person worthy of belief, and that I am not interested in the matter to which this matter relates.

Witness my hand and Seal of office on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1896 <sup>(Seal)</sup> N. G. Wynn  
Notary Public to Dist  
J. H.

My Comm. Expires June 21<sup>st</sup> 1897

Affidavit of  
Elijah Sanders  
Witness in the claim  
of John N. Sanders et al  
for citizenship

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Indian Territory, Before me the  
Southern District undersigned a  
Notary Public in and for the  
County and State aforesaid, person-  
ally appeared Elijah M. Sanders  
who after being duly sworn  
states that he is 35 years of  
age, and is a citizen of Pickens  
County Indian Territory, <sup>and</sup>  
that he is personally acquainted  
with John Newton Sanders of  
Comanche, I.T. who is an applicant  
for citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation Indian Territory, and  
affiant further states that the  
applicant the said John Newton  
Sanders is the identical person he  
represents himself to be in his  
application for citizenship in  
said Nation and that the said  
John Newton Sanders is the legal  
and lawful husband of Caroline  
Sanders, who were married in  
Searcy Co. Ark. on or about the 23  
day of Sept. 1874. Of this  
marriage six children were born  
to them, Mary, Monroe, William  
Newton, Thomas Wilson, Minnie

Isabel, and Nancy Ellen, all of  
whom are now living and I  
know to be the lawful children  
of the said John Newton Sanders  
and his wife Caroline Sanders.  
I know said John N. Sanders  
to be the lawful son of Arty Minny  
Sanders. Affiant further states  
that he has known the said  
John Newton Sanders for 30 years  
and knows that he is and has been  
recognized and treated by his neigh-  
bors, acquaintances and the public  
generally as a person having  
Choctaw Indian blood, and that  
the complexion and physical  
appearance of the said John  
Newton Sanders indicate that  
the said applicant is of Indian  
blood. That from the above  
facts and circumstances and  
from statements made to me  
by the said John Newton Sanders  
affiant states that he has every  
reason to and does believe that  
the said applicant is of Choctaw  
Indian blood. Affiant further

states that he has no interest  
whatsoever in the prosecution  
of the claim of said applicant  
to citizenship in said Choctaw  
Nation, I.T.

Eliza Sanders

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August  
A.D. 1896 and I further certify  
that I am well acquainted  
with the said Eliza Sanders  
and know him to be a person  
of credibility and of truth<sup>and</sup>  
veracity.

(1897)

Wt. Wynn

Notary Public

my Com. expires on 21<sup>st</sup> day of June  
1899.

**End**



Joseph m. Sanders

see 14/8

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Joseph m. Sanders

Sanders, Joseph M.,  
Sanders, Martha J.,  
Sanders, William E.,

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Affidavit of witnesses  
in claim of Joseph  
Lauder and family  
for citizen ship  
Chas. W. Moten





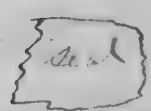
of Joseph M. Sanders indicate that the said  
Joseph M. Sanders is of Indian blood  
From the above facts and circumstances  
and from statements made to me by the said  
Joseph M. Sanders officer - State of  
- he has every reason to and does believe that  
the said Joseph M. Sanders is of Choctaw  
Indian blood.

Officer further states that he has seen some  
evidence in the execution of the  
claim of said Joseph M. Sanders to citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation &c.

Th. E. Barnes

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day  
of Sept 1896.

and I further certify that I am well acquainted  
with the said Th. E. Barnes and know him to  
be a person of credibility and of truth and  
sincerity.



Th. P. Lyndall  
Notary Public

Com. expires Jan. 9, 1899.

(Duplicate).

Sparta, Mo., \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_

United States of America Indian Territory SS.  
The Hon Henry L. Dawes, Chairman Dawes Commission, D.C.

Your petitioner the under signed being duly sworn on his oath respectfully states that his name is Joseph M. Sanders, age 37 years. past office address is Sparta Mo and that he is and his wife entitled by blood, by intermarriage to Citizenship in the Indian Territory for the following reasons

That he is the Great Grand Child of John Cooper, who was a Choctaw Indian and who intermarried to Nancy Ann Piles in N.C. in year 1785. and by this marriage had (2) Children to wit William H Piles, Delitha (who is my Grand mother) Henry, Perry, Marcus and Elizabeth of these children Delitha Cooper is my Grand Mother and was intermarried to Wilson L. Nichols in Perry County Tenn. on or about the year 1832. of this marriage 12 Children were born to wit Artz Minicy James B. Ervin M. Hulda, Elizabeth Jane, all now living Mary Caroline Sarah Ann, William, Moses, Nancy, Thomas, and Josephine who are deceased, of these Children Artz Minicy the oldest is my Mother

was intermarried on or about the day of 1853  
 in Searay County Ark. to S. N. Sanders and by this  
 marriage had 6 children to wit John N. Jesse M.  
 Joseph M. Eliza M. Amanda M. and Jasper D.  
 All now living of these children I am the third  
 child and was my self married to Martha J.  
 Barnes in Christian County Mo. on the 7th day  
 of July 1883 and of marriage to the said Martha  
 J. Barnes who is my present wife I have  
 children to wit William E. Sanders now  
 living and my lawful child.

That my family and relationship consists of the following  
 named persons, My wife Martha J. Barnes age 28 yrs.  
 and my child William E. Sanders and respectfully  
 asks to be enrolled together with each member  
 of his family as a member of the Choctaw Indians  
 in the Indian Territory

Your petitioner states the above facts as the lawful ground  
 of his application for citizenship in the said Choctaw  
 nation and prays that his claim be investi-  
 gated by your honorable body and that he be adjudged



Sparta, Mo., ..... 189.....

to be a citizen of said Choctaw nation of Indians  
and entitled to all the rights privileges pertaining  
to such citizenship in accordance with the  
laws, and treaties made with the said nation  
of Indians

Witness my hand. on this 3rd day of Sept 1896.

G B Ruyler

W A Ruyler Wit.

J. M. Sanders

Subscribed, and sworn to before me. the under-  
signed, authority on the the 3 day, of Sept. 1896,  
and I Certify that the applicant is a responsible  
and Creditable person, worthy of belief and that  
I am not interested in the matter to,  
which this applicant. retorts,

Witness my hand & seal of my office on.  
this the 3rd day of Sept 1896.

Charles R Quebrough  
Notary Public

My term Expires Nov 24 - 1896.



Duplicate of  
Joseph M Sanders  
and family  
Application for  
Citizenship

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(Duplicate)

Joseph M. Sanders  
and family  
Applicants for citizenship

(Duplicate)

Application for citizenship

United States of America, Indian Territory,  
Hon. Henry S. Dawes, Chairman  
Dawes Commission, Vinita, I.T.

Your petitioner, the undersigned,  
being duly sworn on this oath, respectfully  
states that his name is Joseph M. Sanders,  
age 37 years, post office address Sparta, Mo.,  
and that he is and his wife entitled by  
blood and intermarriage to citizenship in  
the Indian Territory for the following  
reasons: That he is the Great Grand  
child of John Cooper who was a Char-  
tered Indian and who intermarried to  
Susan Piles in D.C. in year 1783;  
and by his marriage had (7) children  
to wit: William H. Rally, Dellulha,  
(who is my Grand mother) Kerry,  
Benny, Narcisi and Elizabeth. Of these  
children Dellulha Cooper is my Grand  
mother and was intermarried to William  
L. Kieckhefer in Perry Co, Penn, and  
about the year 1832, of this marriage  
(12) children were born to wit: Arty Mink,  
Jacob B. Mink M, Skulda, Elija Jank  
all now living and, Mary, Caroline,  
Sarah Ann, William, Moses, Nancy  
Thomas and Jasper who are now deceased.  
Of these children Arty Mink is my  
father and the oldest child

Mother, Woonithumian as a laborer  
the day of 1843, in Berkeley County  
Ark to J. R. Sanders and by his mar-  
riage had 6 children to wit; John R.  
Jesse R., Joseph M., Elijah M., Amanda  
M., and Joseph C., all now living of  
these children I am the third child  
and was legally married to Martha  
Jane Barnes in Christian County  
Mo. on the 7th day of July 1883 and of  
my marriage to the said Martha J. Barnes  
who is my lawful wife, I have  
children to wit; William E. Sanders  
now living and my lawful child.

That my family and relation ship  
consists of the following named persons  
my wife Martha J. Sanders age 28  
years and my child William E. Sanders,  
and respectfully ask to be enrolled, to  
gather with each member of his family  
as a member of the Choctaw Indian  
Territory

Of the petitioner states the above facts  
as the lawful grounds of his application  
for citizen ship in the said Choctaw  
Nation, and prays that his claim may



be investigated by your honorable body  
and that he be adjudged to be a citizen  
of said Choctaw Nation of Indians  
and entitled to all the rights and privileges  
pertaining to such citizenship in  
accordance with the laws and treaties  
made with said Nation of Indians  
Shelness my hand and this 3, day of Sept.  
1896

Witness

J. M. Gann

Joseph M. Sanders

J. C. Bann

Subscribed and sworn to before me the  
undersigned authority, on this the 3, day  
of Sept. 1896. And I certify that the  
applicant is a respectable, creditable  
person worthy of belief and that I am  
not interested in the matter to which  
this application relates.

Shelness my hand and seal of office on  
this 3, day of Sept. 1896

(Seal)

Chas. J. Fendall  
Notary Public

My term expires Jan. 9, 1899.



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County of Christian )  
State of Missouri }

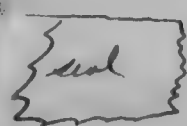
Before me, the undersigned,  
a Notary Public in and for the County and  
State aforesaid, personally appeared  
Mr. E. Barnes who after being duly sworn  
states that he is 53 years of age and is  
a citizen of Christian County, and State  
of Missouri and that he is personally  
acquainted with Joseph M. Sanders  
and his family who is an applicant  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation  
& Co., and affirms further states that  
the said Joseph M. Sanders is the  
identical person he represents him-  
self to be in his application for citizen-  
ship in said Nation and that the said  
Joseph M. Sanders is the lawful son  
of Mr. Wiley Sanders, formerly  
Mr. Wiley Nichols and daughter of Wilson  
S. Nichols and Delitha Nichols.  
That the said Joseph M. Sanders is the  
lawful husband of his present wife  
Martha J. Sanders and by this marriage  
have one child to wit, William E. Sanders.  
Affirms further states that he has  
known the said Joseph M. Sanders  
for the past 37 years and knows that

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 appearing in  
 claim of  
 Joseph M. Sanders and family  
 for citizenship in  
 Choctaw nation S.G.

he is and has been recognized and  
 treated by his neighbors, acquaintances  
 and the public generally as a person  
 having Choctaw Indian blood; and  
 from the complexion and physical  
 appearance of the said Joseph M. Sanders  
 indicates that the said Joseph M. Sanders  
 is of Indian blood. From the  
 above facts and circumstances and  
 from statements made to me by the said  
 Joseph M. Sanders, I appear states that  
 he has every reason to and does believe  
 that the said Joseph M. Sanders is of  
 Choctaw Indian blood.

I appear further states that he has no intention  
 to interfere in the prosecution of the  
 claim of the said Joseph M. Sanders  
 to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation of  
 I. E. Barnes

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
 this the 3, day of Sept, 1896, and I further  
 certify that I am well acquainted with  
 the said I. E. Barnes and know him to  
 be a person of credibility and of truth and  
 veracity



W. T. Tyndall  
 Notary Public

com. expires Jan. 9, 1899.



**End**

Sarah L. Sanders

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Sarah L. Sanders

Sanders, Sarah L.,  
Sanders, Charles B.,  
Sanders, Sam,  
Sanders, Arthur,  
Sanders, Hardee,  
Sanders, Lessie,

# APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

THOMAS HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. COMPTON and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 18th, 1894, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of ..... and ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

My name is Sarah L. Sanders, I am 25 yrs. of age. My P.O. address is Coalgate, Atoka County, Choctaw Nation, D.T. I am an admixture of White and Choctaw blood and I am 1/8 Choctaw blood. I am the daughter of the late Edward L. and Sarah Dillard, who was born about the year of 1841 and died in 1843. She was born in the State of Mississippi and died in the State of Mississippi and she was the daughter of the late John Chronister and Chronister. I derive my Choctaw Indian blood from my mother the late Sarah Dillard who was an admixture of white and Choctaw blood and 1/4 Choctaw blood and who was the daughter of the late John Chronister a Choctaw Indian by blood and was a member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians and who was born in Mississippi about the year of 1790 and died about the year of 1854. Applicant says her maiden name is Dillard and the daughter of the said Sarah Dillard and Edward L. Dillard and that she was born in Grayson County, Texas. That she intermarried with Charles B. Sanders in 1887 and by such marriage four children were born and are now living, whose names and ages hereinafter are stated, that said children are admixtures of white and Choctaw blood and are 1/8 Choctaw blood.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

Affidavit of myself. Affidavit of John N. Sanders. Affidavit of Dom York.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah L. Sanders  
Applicant.

| NAMES.             | AGES. | RELATIONSHIP.        |
|--------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Sarah L. Sanders   | 25    | Choctaw by blood     |
| husband            |       |                      |
| Charles B. Sanders | 49    | White man            |
| Children           |       |                      |
| Sam Sanders        | 7     | son Choctaw by blood |
| Arthur Sanders     | 6     | " " "                |
| Hardee Sanders     | 3     | " " "                |
| Lessie Sanders     | 1     | " " "                |

Indian Territory. District. Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the ..... and aforesaid ..... who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the ..... day of ..... 1899.

My commission expires on the ..... day of ..... 1899.

I have read the foregoing petition and find that the facts therein stated are true and correct and that the petitioner is entitled to be enrolled as a Choctaw Indian.



# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Sarah S. Sanders  
 FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Choctaw NATION,  
 STATE OF Mississippi } SS.  
 COUNTY OF DeSoto

Thomas York, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas York, who, after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 74 years of age, and a resident of the State of Mississippi and County of DeSoto and Stanton, I. T.; that he is personally acquainted with John Chronister who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Thomas York further states that he is a full blood Choctaw Indian and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation and a member of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and that he was born in Leake County, Miss. in 1822 and that he was personally acquainted with John Chronister, who formerly resided in Leake County, Miss. and he became acquainted with said John Chronister about 1885 and knew him personally up and until he moved away from Mississippi, which was about 1895. Thomas York says that the said John Chronister was a Choctaw Indian and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and a member of the Choctaw Indian tribe. Thomas York says that he has not seen him since about 1895, at which time said John Chronister, indicated west of the Miss. River, and that he does not know whether he is living or dead. Thomas York further states that said John Chronister had a family who he believed lived in Mississippi, but he was not acquainted with the name of his family. Thomas York says that he has no interest in the result of the admission of said Chronister.

Thomas York further states that he has known the said John Chronister from about 1885 until about 1895 and until he moved west and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said John Chronister indicate that he was Choctaw Indian blood and descent. Thomas York further says that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said John Chronister he believes the said Sarah S. Sanders to be a lineal descendant of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said John Chronister.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of March 1896  
Thomas York  
 Notary Public.

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Sarah L. Sanders  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, as a Choctaw

STATE OF Indian Territory by blood.

COUNTY OF Atoka

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Sarah L. Sanders who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 25 years of age, and a resident of the Choctaw Nation and County of Atoka and that she is personally acquainted with Charles B. Sanders who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witnesses know about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That her maiden name is Dillard. That she is the daughter of the late Edward L. and Sarah Dillard. That the maiden name of Sarah Dillard is Chronister, and that she was the daughter of the said John Chronister who was born in Mississippi about the year of 1790, and died in Texas about the year of 1851. That the said John Chronister was a Choctaw Indian by blood, and a member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians. That he intermarried with a Choctaw woman and by such marriage said Sarah Dillard nee Chronister was born in Mississippi about the year of 1840 and died in Atoka, County, Choctaw Nation in 1893. The said Sarah Dillard nee Chronister was an admixture of white and Choctaw blood, and at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  Choctaw blood. Affiant further says that she affiant is at least  $\frac{1}{8}$  Choctaw blood. Affiant further says that she intermarried with Charles B. Sanders, a white man, and by such marriage four children were born whose names and ages are set out in her application, and who are  $\frac{1}{16}$  Choctaw blood.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Charles B. Sanders for the past years and has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Affiant indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Sarah Dillard nee Chronister herself to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of said John Chronister.

Sarah L. Sanders

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of August 1896.

Notary Public  
My Commission expires 2nd March 1899



# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Sarah L. Sanders  
 FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Choctaw NATION, as a Choctaw  
 STATE OF Indiana Territory }  
 COUNTY OF Pickens } SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared John W. Sanders who, after being by me duly sworn, states That he is 46 years of age, and a resident of the State of Chickasaw Nation and County of Pickens and my postoffice address is Nealton, D. S.; that he is personally acquainted with Sarah L. Sanders who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw

Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he is personally acquainted with Sarah L. Sanders and knew her intimately all her life. He knows that she is the daughter of the late Sarah and Edward S. Dillard, and he has known the said Sarah Dillard for more than years, and knows that she the said Sarah Dillard is recognized and regarded by the public as a Choctaw Indian Woman that she was born about the year of 1840 and died about the year of 1893.

Affiant further says that she intermarried with Charles B. Sanders a white man, in 1887 with whom she now lives, and by such marriage 4 children were born and are now living, namely: Sam, Arthur, Hardie and Lessie Sanders, ages 7, 6, 3 and 1 respectively.

Now she is at least 1/8 Choctaw by blood, and an admixture of White and Choctaw blood. The said Sarah Dillard is at least 1/4 Choctaw by blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Sarah L. Sanders for the past 12 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Sarah L. Sanders indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Sarah Dillard she believes the said Sarah L. Sanders to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said Sarah Dillard.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of August 1896

My Commission expires

1899

Notary Public.

# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Sarah L. Sanders  
 FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Choctaw NATION,  
 STATE OF Indian Territory }  
 COUNTY OF Atoka } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared  
 Sylvester Johnson who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 25  
 years of age, and a resident of the State of Choctaw Nation and County of Atoka and  
 my postoffice address is Choctaw, I. T.; that he is personally acquainted with  
Sarah L. Sanders who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw

Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)  
 That he became acquainted with the late Sarah A. Dilliard,  
 in Jack County, Texas, in 1890 and he knew her from that time up and  
 until her death which occurred in Atoka County, in 1898.  
 Affiant further says that at the time of her death that she  
 was trying to prove her right to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation  
 and that he is personally acquainted with  
 Mary A. Sanders, George Dilliard, L. Sanders, Bell Ross, Arnold  
 Dilliard, and Robert L. Dilliard and that they are all of the same  
 the reported wife of Sarah A. Dilliard and Edward L. Dilliard  
 and that affiant has known said named persons for the past fifteen years  
 and know that each of their complexion and physical appearance, habits and  
 manners and that he knows of the said Sarah A. Dilliard that they  
 are an admixture of white and Choctaw Indian blood and are at least  
 one-quarter Choctaw blood and that said Mary A. Sanders, George Dilliard, Geo  
 rge Ann Ross, nee Dilliard and Sarah L. Sanders nee Dilliard are now  
 living in Atoka County, Choctaw Nation, and are regarded as Choctaw In-  
 dians by the people generally. That Bell Ross, Arnold Dilliard, Robert  
 Dilliard reside in Jack County, Texas, and that they are regarded by  
 the public generally as Choctaw Indians by blood.  
 Affiant further says that he is not related to applicant or  
 any of the above named persons either by blood or marriage, and that  
 he has no interest in the result of the case whatever.

he Sarah A. Dilliard  
 Affiant further states: That he has known the said Sarah A. Dilliard for the  
 past 15 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her  
Choctaw neighbors, acquaintances and  
 the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said  
Sarah A. Dilliard she Choctaw  
 indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the  
 family of the said Sarah A. Dilliard Choctaw he believes the said Sarah L. Sanders  
 to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said Sarah A. Dilliard

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of August 1896

My Commission expires July 8, 1900

Sylvester Johnson  
J. Berry  
 Notary Public.



**End**

Parson Sarky  
#1104

Parson Sarky

Application of  
William Sarty  
Concerning  
Citizenship ~~X~~

State of Miss. } To his Excellency  
 Alabama } the Governor of the Choctaw  
 Indian Territory } Nation Tuskaloosa.  
 Ind. T.

Whereas Pason Sarty, age 15 3/4 years a  
 mixed blood Choctaw Indian, is a minor,  
 therefore is unable to make application  
 for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation  
 and whereas by act of Congress the time  
 for enrollment of Choctaw Indians will  
 expire on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1890  
 now therefore I William Sarty a brother  
 of said Pason Sarty being next of kin  
 therefore natural guardian of said Pason  
 Sarty, do hereby make application that  
 his name be enrolled as a citizen of  
 said Choctaw Nation with all the rights  
 and benefits therein belonging

and your petitioner would respectfully  
 pray that such application be granted.  
 I know with all the testimony substantiating  
 my identity as a brother of the said Pason  
 Sarty:

Witness my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1890

Respectfully Submitted  
 William Sarty  
 his mark

Sworn and subscribed to before me

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1890

J. P. Spright J. P.



**End**

John Sartin

John Sartin

Sartin John  
Sartin Lucy  
Sartin Ella  
Sartin Wm. Aaron  
Sartin Emma  
Sartin Ira  
Sartin Alfred  
Sartin Minnie  
Sartin John B.  
Sartin Viola  
Sartin Belgerice

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Mrs. Fortinab

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~~Chickasaw Nation~~

Chickasaw  
Nation



In the United States Court,  
IN THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Southern District, at Ardmore.

*Mrs. Sartin et al*  
No. 80 vs.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

CHICKASAW NATION.

*R. M. Horriess*  
To the HON. ~~HENRY L. DAWES~~, *Chairman of the Commission*  
*of the United States to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians*

SIR: You are hereby notified that an appeal has been granted in the matter of the application of *Mrs. Sartin et al* to be enrolled as members of the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians, from your Commission to the United States Court, for the Southern District in the Indian Territory, at Ardmore. You are therefore notified and ordered to immediately forward to the Clerk of this Court all of the original papers filed, used and considered in said cause by your Commission, together with a duly certified copy of all orders, judgments and entries made and entered by you in the trial and consideration of said cause.

Witness the HON. C. B. KILGORE, Judge of said Court, and the Seal thereof, at Ardmore, Indian Territory, this 9 day of December, 1897.

*Jose W. Phillips* Clerk.

John Dastin et al.

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John Sartin Etal }  
vs. }  
The Chickasaw Nation }

To R. M. Harris  
You are hereby  
notified that an appeal  
will be taken in the  
above entitled action.  
And this shall be ~~your~~  
notice of your  
appeal

W. J. Gilbert  
Att'y for Plaintiffs

Application for Citizenship  
Before the Commission  
to the Five Civilized Tribes  
John Dartin

- V O -

Chickasaw Nation, your  
petitioner being duly sworn  
under oath & stated that his name  
is John Dartin, his age 54 years &  
his Post Office address is Alva, Ok.  
That he is entitled to Citizenship  
in the Indian Territory for by  
blood and descent for the following  
reasons -

Your Applicant is a son of  
John Dartin, who was a son of  
Renard and Nancy Dartin. Nancy  
Dartin formerly Sumner was  
a Chickasaw Indian by blood  
and was so recognized and treated by  
the Indians, white people and  
the public generally. As a full  
blood Chickasaw Indian.

That his family consists of Lucy  
Dartin a white woman - and  
five children, David Ella age 23  
John a son age 20 yrs. Emma  
a daughter age 17. - Wm Dartin



Adam aged 15 Alfred Adam  
aged 12 yrs and Minnie aged  
aged 10 yrs John B. Adam aged  
aged 8 yrs and Viola Adam  
aged 5 yrs. Belgonia a girl aged  
10 yrs.

And respectfully ask that he  
together with each member of  
his family be enrolled as ~~member~~  
of the Chickasaw Indian Tribe  
in the Indian Territory.

Your petitioner states the above  
the lawful grounds of his application  
for citizenship in said nation  
and prays that his claim be  
investigated by this Honorable body  
and that he together with each  
member of his family be ~~admitted~~  
citizens of said tribe or nation  
indian and entitled to all the  
rights privileges and  
immunities pertaining to  
such citizenship in  
accordance with the laws and  
treaties made with said  
nation of Indians.

W. J. Dillert  
att'y for applt

I, John Dartin do solemnly  
swear that the matters and facts  
set forth in the above  
application are true  
Signed John Dartin  
Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 2<sup>d</sup> day of Aug. 1874  
Thos M. Gurot  
Notary Public

Seal.

# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

STATE OF Ind. Ia  
COUNTY OF Pike

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared W. C. Newman who after being duly sworn states that he is 65 years of age, and is a citizen of Pike County and State of Ind., and that he is personally acquainted with:

John Dentin  
Who is an applicant for citizenship in the Chickasaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said John Dentin is the identical person he represents himself to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation, and the said

John Dentin is of Chickasaw Indian blood. I know John Dentin who was a Chickasaw Indian and the father of this applicant John Dentin. I lived a neighbor to John Dentin for ten years. I visited John Dentin Johnson with him in 1863 and they were Indians and Indians decent in Mississippi.

Affiant further states that he has known the said John Dentin for the past 25 years, and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person having Chickasaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said John Dentin indicate that the said John Dentin

is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said John Dentin, affiant states he is every reason to believe that the said John Dentin is of Chickasaw Indian blood. - I know John Dentin is a Chickasaw Indian.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said John Dentin to citizenship in the Chickasaw Nation, I. T.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, this 25th day of Sept, A. D., 1906, and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said John Dentin and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

Commission expires on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1909.

W. C. Newman  
Thos M. Swort  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



Copy of Application  
and Affidavit filed  
by John Sartine

John Sartine  
claims by blood  
through Nancy  
Sartine nee Saunders  
into a Chickasaw  
Indian  
and





# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

STATE OF Texas  
COUNTY OF Montague

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state  
aforesaid personally appeared Peter Roggell who after being duly  
sworn states that he is 26 years of age, and is a citizen of Montague  
County and State of Texas, and that he is personally acquainted with

John Dartin  
Who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I.T., and affiant further  
states that the said John Dartin is the identical person he  
represents himself to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation, and the said

John Dartin is the son of Gen Dartin  
who was a son of Genard and Nancy Dartin  
that Gen Dartin was recognized as an Indian  
of the Cherokee tribe. That the mother of  
Gen Dartin Nancy Dartin formerly Nancy  
Dandus was a full blood Cherokee Indian  
and so recognized in Mississippi from  
Worcester being lived in Mississippi  
a neighbor to these people in 1843 when  
they left that country. The Dartins and Doforths  
left their for him and John Doforth along  
as intermediate

Affiant further states that he has known the said Dartin family  
for the past 25 years, and knows that he and has been recognized and treated by these  
neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person having Cherokee  
Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said John  
Dartin indicate that the said

is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to  
him by the said John Dartin family, affiant states he is  
every reason to believe that the said John Dartin is of Cherokee  
Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim  
of the said John Dartin to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I.T.

Peter Roggell

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, this 1 day of June A. D. 1896, and I  
further certify that I am well acquainted with the said John Dartin and know him  
to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

My Commission expires on the 1 day of June 1897.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

William C. Satterfield

#533

William C. Satterfield

Satterfield, William C.,  
Satterfield, John H.,  
Woods, Julia,  
Satterfield, William R.,  
Satterfield, Leonard B.,  
Satterfield, Peter C.,  
Satterfield, Joseph C.,  
Satterfield, Thomas R.,  
Satterfield, Mace,  
Satterfield, Minnie,  
Satterfield, Alfred,  
Satterfield, Cora,  
Satterfield, George,  
Satterfield, Thomas,  
Satterfield, Vera,



Application for Enrollment

Before the United States Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians

William C. Satterfield, Petitioner  
Choctaw Nation Indian Territory

Application for Enrollment  
and Admission

Your Petitioner, William C. Satterfield, States that  
Hester Layman, was a Choctaw woman of blood.  
It was duly recognized by the local authorities as such  
in North Carolina and enjoyed all the rights, privileges,  
benefits and annuities of other Choctaw Indians  
by blood in the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians  
and that the name of the said Hester Layman appears  
or should appear upon the unadmitted rolls  
of the said Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

That petitioner is a legal descendant from the said  
Hester Layman. Hester Layman was married to George  
Denton, and had born to them two daughters Hettie  
and Elizabeth, in the State of North Carolina.

Hettie Denton was married to Peter Satterfield, to them  
was born William C. Satterfield, and others.

They came to Arkansas with the Choctaw Tribe  
of Indians about the 1837. Hester Layman Denton  
Hettie Satterfield both now in State of Arkansas.

That under Constitution, Laws, usages and Customs  
of the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians and the laws  
of the United States, and the treaties with said Indians  
your said petitioner is entitled to be enrolled as a  
Citizen Member of said Choctaw Tribe of Indian

An Indian Territory and entitled to all the  
rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other  
Choctaw Indian by blood

That there are now living legal descendants  
of your petitioner five person and their  
Children to wit

|                        |        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| John. M. Satterfield   | Male   | and 27 | years of age |
| Julia Woods            | female | 39     | years of age |
| William B. Satterfield | male   | 25     | years of age |
| Leonard S. Satterfield | "      | 30     | years of age |
| Peter B. Satterfield   | "      | 25     | years of age |

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner  
prays that his name with those of his legal  
descendants, those named in the list above and  
their children or descendants; as will be named  
in their petition. That they be granted  
and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges  
and immunities of other Choctaw Indians  
in and to the Choctaw Nation or tribe of Indians  
in Indian Territory, and your petitioner would ever pray

William B. Satterfield

The aforementioned petitioner William B. Satterfield  
says that the statements set forth herein  
in the above and foregoing petition are true according  
to his best knowledge, information and belief

William B. Satterfield

Subscribed and Sworn to before me

This 2nd day of September 1896

James A. Villars  
Notary Public  
Cottrell in Jay Oct 1899

Received of Leonard D. Satterfield  
the sum of \$100.00

Edward D. Satterfield

The above named Edward D. Satterfield  
being the owner of the above sum of \$100.00  
and having received the same from  
the above named Leonard D. Satterfield  
and being satisfied with the receipt  
of the same

Edward D. Satterfield

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 3rd day of September 1896.

James D. Satterfield  
Notary Public  
Comm. expires Aug. 6th 1899

Application of  
Leonard D. Satterfield



Application for Enrollment  
Before the United States Commission of the five  
Civilized Tribes of Indians  
Leonard Satterfield } Application for  
US } Enrollment and  
Choctaw Nation Indian Territory Admittance

To the Above Mentioned Honorable Commission  
Your petitioner Leonard D Satterfield  
states that he is a legal descendant  
from Hester Layman who was a  
Choctaw Indian by blood as set forth in  
an application. Made by your petitioner's  
father William C Satterfield for himself  
and legal descendants and in consideration  
of evidence accompanying the application,  
alleging Hester Layman Indian blood  
and lineage of heirs, and that your petitioner  
is a lawful heir and son of William C. Satter-  
field that under the Constitution laws  
usages and customs of Choctaw nation or  
Tribe of Indians and the laws of United  
States, and the treaties with said Indians.  
Your petitioner is entitled to be enrolled  
as a Citizen Member of said Choctaw  
Nation or Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory  
and entitled to all the rights, benefits,  
privileges and annuities of other Choctaw  
Indians by blood. There are now living  
legal descendants of your petitioner  
persons as follows to wit Mace Satterfield  
aged 6 years. Joseph C Satterfield aged 4 years  
and Thomas R Satterfield aged 2 yrs



Wherefore the premises considered your  
petitioner prays that his name with  
those his said descendants to wit, Mace  
Satterfield, Joseph R. Satterfield and Thomas R. Satterfield,  
be enrolled and admitted to all the rights  
benefits and immunities of other Choctaw  
Indians be in and to the Choctaw Nation  
or Tribe in Indian Territory and your  
petitioners will ever pray <sup>that this application be</sup>  
<sup>application of William C. Satterfield</sup> taken as a part of the  
Leonard D. Satterfield

The above named petitioner Leonard D. Satterfield  
says that the statements set forth in  
the foregoing petition are true according  
to his best knowledge information  
and belief. Leonard D. Satterfield

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1896.

James A. Wilson  
Notary Public  
Comm. expires Jan'y 6<sup>th</sup> 1899

Application  
of  
Leonard D. Satterfield

Notice received in London in February  
1898 of the petitioners, viz. George Henry and  
Thomas H. Satterfield, of the County of Middlesex, England

The above named petitioners (Peter H. Satterfield  
says that his statement set forth in the  
above said foregoing petition were true  
and things to his best knowledge,  
information and belief.

Peter H. Satterfield

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 3rd day of September, 1898.

James O. Satterfield  
Notary Public,  
San Francisco, July 6th 1899

Application  
Peter H. Satterfield

Application for Enrollment

Before the United States Commission  
of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians  
Peter C. Satterfield } Application for  
Choctaw Nation Indian Territory } Admittance and  
Enrollment.  
To the above mentioned Honorable  
Commissioner your petitioner Peter C. Satterfield  
states that he is a legal descendant from  
Hester Rayman who was a Choctaw  
Indian by blood as set forth in an  
application for admittance and enrollment  
into the Choctaw Nation as a citizen, by  
William C. Satterfield who is my lawful  
father and also in the evidence  
in company with the application of Hester  
Rayman being known as a Choctaw Indian  
and so recognized that your petitioner  
is a lawful son and heir of said William  
C. Satterfield. That under the Constitution, laws  
usage and customs of the Choctaw Nation  
or Tribe of Indians and the laws of the  
United States and the treaties with said  
Indians your petitioner is entitled to be  
enrolled as a citizen member of said  
Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians in  
Indian Territory and entitled to all the  
rights, benefits, privileges and annuities  
of other Indians of the Choctaw Tribe by

blood. There are <sup>no</sup> living legal  
descendants of your petitioner, no person.  
Therefore the premises considered your  
petitioner begs that his name be enrolled  
and admitted to all the rights, benefits,  
privileges and immunities of other  
Choctaw Indians in and to the Choctaw  
Nation or tribe of Indians in Indian Territory  
and your petitioner will ever be true. And  
that this application is taken as a part of the application of William C. Satterfield  
Peter C. Satterfield

The above named petitioner Peter C. Satterfield  
states that the statement set forth in the  
above and foregoing petition is true  
according to his best knowledge  
information and belief.

Peter C. Satterfield

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 3rd day of September 1896.

James A. Villars  
Notary Public  
Comm. expires July 6th 1899

A. Application

Peter C. Satterfield



and to the Secretaries of the  
Society and receive the  
benefit of the same. <sup>and that the applicant</sup>  
of William C. Sweetland <sup>is a person residing in</sup>  
William R. Sweetland

He has received the benefit of the same and  
will take the same for the same  
and he is now the same person and  
has no objection to his being so called in  
the same and being.

William R. Sweetland

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 2nd day of September, 1898.

James A. Sweetland

James A. Sweetland

Application  
for  
William R. Sweetland

Application for Enrollment

Before the United States Commission  
of Five Civilized Tribes of Indians

William C. Satterfield  
Petitioner

{ Application for  
Admittance and

Choctaw-Indian Territory Enrollment

To the above mentioned Honorable Commission  
Your petitioner William C. Satterfield states  
that he is a male descendant from Hester  
Layman who was a Choctaw Indian  
by blood as set forth in an application  
for admittance and enrollment into the  
Choctaw-Indian Territory and the evidence which  
certifies to Hester Layman's Indian blood,  
made by your petitioner's father, William  
C. Satterfield. That your petitioner,

William C. Satterfield is a lawful son  
and heir of William C. Satterfield. That  
under the Constitution, laws, usages and  
customs of the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of  
Indians and the laws of the United States  
and the treaties with said Indians. Your  
petitioner is entitled to be enrolled as a  
citizen member of said Choctaw Tribe  
of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled  
to all the rights, benefits, privileges and  
annuities of other Choctaw Indians by  
blood. There are now living legal  
descendants of your petitioner. to wit  
Linnie Satterfield aged 5 yrs. & Alfred Satterfield aged 3 yrs.

Wherefore the undersigned considered your  
 petitioners proper that we would with  
 those of him - ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup>  
 Linnis Satterfield ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> Alfred Satterfield ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup>  
 be enrolled and admitted to all the rights,  
 benefits, privileges and immunities of  
 other Indians of the Choctaw Tribe in  
 and to the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of  
 Indians in Indian Territory and your  
 petitioners ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup>  
 of William C. Satterfield <sup>and that their application</sup>  
 William R. Satterfield <sup>is given & endorsed in</sup>  
<sup>in favor of the application</sup>

The above named petitioners William R. Satter-  
 field have that the foregoing statements  
 set forth in the above petition are  
 true according to his best knowledge,  
 information and belief.

William R. Satterfield

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
 this 3rd day of September, 1898.

James M. Pillsbury  
 Notary Public

Come off on Jan 6th 1899

Application  
 for  
 William R. Satterfield





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## Application for Enrollment

Before the United States Commission  
to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians) Application  
John M. Satterfield petitioner for Admittance  
Choctaw Nation Indian Territory and enrollment.

To the above mentioned Honorable  
Commission your petitioner John M. Satterfield  
states that he is a legal descendant of  
Rester Ryman who was a Choctaw  
Indian by blood, as set forth in an  
application made by petitioner's father  
William Satterfield for himself and  
legal descendants and in consideration  
of the evidence accompanying the  
application that evidence of Rester Ryman's  
claim and title to Choctaw Indian blood  
that your petitioner is a lineal descendant  
of Rester Ryman through and by the fact  
that he is a legal son and heir of William  
Satterfield above named.

That under the Constitution, laws, usages  
and customs of the Choctaw Nation or  
Tribe of Indians and the laws of the United States  
and the treaties with said Indians. Your  
said petitioner is entitled to be enrolled  
as a citizen member of said Choctaw Tribe  
of Indians in Indian Territory and  
entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges  
and annuities of other Choctaw Indians.

my blood. There are now living legal  
descendant of your petitioner four persons  
Cora a female 12 years of age.  
George a male 8 years of age.  
Thomas a male 6 years of age.  
Cora a female 5 years of age.  
Therefore the premises considered your  
petitioner prays that his name with  
those of his descendant, Cora Satterfield,  
George Satterfield, Thomas Satterfield and  
Cora Satterfield be enrolled and admitted  
to all the rights benefits, privileges and  
immunities of other Choctaw Indians  
in and to the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of  
Indians in Indian Territory, and your  
petitioners will ~~and pray~~ <sup>and that this application be</sup>  
~~application of William C. Satterfield~~ <sup>taken as a part of the</sup>

John M Satterfield  
The above named petitioner John M Satterfield  
swears that the statements set forth in  
the above and foregoing petition are true  
according to his best knowledge information  
and belief. John M Satterfield

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 3rd day of September 1898.

James W. Wilson  
Notary Public  
Our office July 6th 1899

Application  
John M Satterfield

Affidavit

(Copy)

State of Arkansas  
County of Gall 3<sup>ss</sup>

Be it remembered that on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1896 personally appeared before me John Martin who is a reliable and creditable citizen of Gall County Arkansas and after being duly sworn by me according to law deposeeth and says that he is a resident of Gall County, State of Arkansas that his age is 76 years; his occupation a farmer; that he was well acquainted with Hester Layman in the State of North Carolina that she was recognized as an Indian in the Choctaw Tribe of Indians and known as such by the Choctaw Tribe of Indians as a Choctaw Indian; that Hester Layman married George Danton and had two daughters born to them in the State of North Carolina, Elizabeth Danton and Bettie Danton; that Elizabeth Danton was married to John W. Cannon and had born to them Newton C. Cannon and George W. Cannon; that Bettie Danton married Peter Satterfield and had born to them William C. Satterfield; that he is now and ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> well acquainted with Newton C. Cannon and William C. Satterfield and their families and know them to be legal descendants of Hester Layman; Also says that he was well acquainted with George W. Cannon <sup>son of John</sup> and Elizabeth his mother N. Cannon and Elizabeth



Denton Cannon was a legal descendant of  
Hester Layman who was a Choctaw Indian  
by blood as above mentioned;  
that William N. Cannon is a lawful son  
of George W. Cannon deceased and a legal  
descendant from the above named Hester  
Layman, Choctaw Indian; Affiant makes  
this sworn statement from his ~~own~~ personal  
knowledge and acquaintance with the person  
and families above mentioned;  
Affiant further states that he is not directly  
or indirectly interested in the prosecution of the  
claim for the heirs of said Hester Layman  
deceased for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation  
Indian Territory

Attest  
Ray Davis

John <sup>his</sup> Martin  
~~mark~~

Sworn and subscribed to before me a  
Notary Public in and for the County of  
Yell and State of Arkansas this the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
day of Sept. 1896

Erskine

James A. Willson  
Notary Public

Commission expires July 6-1899



Affidavit

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State of Arkansas,  
County of Gall 3

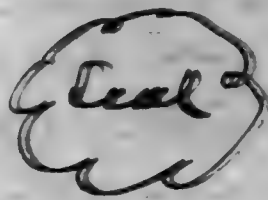
Be it remembered that on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 1896 personally appeared before me Mary Ann Woods who is a credible & reliable citizen of Gall County Arkansas and after being duly sworn by me according to law deposes and says that she is 59 years of age, was born in Johnson County, State of Arkansas; that she was personally well acquainted with Wescott Danton whose maiden name was Wescott Laymon; that Nettie and Elizabeth were his legal daughters, Elizabeth married John W. Cannon; to them were born George W. & Newton Cannon and other children; that she lived in the house with John W. & Elizabeth Cannon a great many years; that Nettie Danton married to Peter Satterfield; to them were born William C. Satterfield and other children; that I am personally well acquainted with William C. Satterfield & Newton Cannon and their families and have known them from childhood up and know them to be legal descendants of Wescott Laymon Danton; that Wescott Laymon Danton lived with Peter and Nettie Satterfield and in their house the last years of his life and died in their house;

The affiant further states that she is not directly or indirectly in the possession of the claim of the heirs of Wescott Laymon deceased for

Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation a Tribe  
of Indians

Mary A. Wood

Subscribed & sworn to before me - This  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1896



James A. Wilson  
Notary Public

Commission expires Jan'y 6-1899

Affidavit .. (Copy)

State of Arkansas } ss  
County of Gall 3

Be it remembered that  
on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1896 personally  
appeared before me Thomas Williams who  
is a reliable and creditable person of Gall  
County Arkansas who after being duly sworn  
according to law deposes and says:  
that his age is 77 years, his occupation a  
farmer, he was personally well acquainted  
with Hester Layman in the North Carolina  
State, that she was then known & recognized  
by the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians as a  
Choctaw Indian by blood and treated as such  
by Choctaw Indians; that Hester Layman  
was married to George Danton and to them  
were born Nettie Danton & Elizabeth Danton  
in the State of North Carolina and other  
children; Nettie Danton married Peter  
Satterfield; to Peter and Nettie was born  
William C. Satterfield and other children;  
Elizabeth Danton married John W. Cannon  
to them were born George W. Cannon  
and Newton C. Cannon and other children.  
Hester Danton and George Danton came to  
Johnson County Arkansas with the <sup>Choctaw</sup> Indians  
in about the year 1837; that he is well



and personally acquainted with Newton C. Cannon & William C. Satterfield and their families and have been for many years and says of his personal knowledge and acquaintance that the above named persons are legal descendants of Hester Layman deceased: Affiant further states that he was personally well acquainted with George W. Cannon and know that he was a son of Elizabeth Denton as above stated and of William A. Cannon and know him a lawful son and heir of George W. Cannon deceased and a legal descendant of Hester Layman deceased; Affiant makes these sworn statements from his personal knowledge & acquaintance with above mentioned persons and their families: that he is not directly or indirectly in the prosecution of the claims of the heirs of the said Hester Layman for citizenship in the Cheyenne Indian Territory

Attest  
Ray Davis

Thomas<sup>his</sup> Williams<sub>mark</sub>

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1896

Edw. A.

James A. Wilson

Notary Public

Commission expires Jan'y 6 - 1898



**End**

J. S. Scarbrough  
#1155

J. S. Scarbrough

Scarbrough, J. S.,  
Scarbrough, Mat,  
Scarbrough, Susie,  
Wilfong, George,  
Wilfong, Fats,

Chickasaw Nation  
Indian Territory  
Southern District

J. J. Scarborough Personally appeared  
before me the undersigned authority  
and after being sworn by me states  
that he is one Eighth Choctaw Indian  
by Blood and that my grand mother  
maiden name was Myrie Reed and  
that she was one half Choctaw by  
Blood and that he has resided in  
the Indian Territory for 15 years and  
that he is the father of 2 Children names  
and ages as follows Mat Scarborough age 9  
and Susie Scarborough age 2  
and I also apply to the commission  
for enrollment for George Milford age 12  
and Kate Milford age 6 These Children  
are my nephews and their Parents are  
dead and I make application to the  
honorable Dawes Commission

at Vinita Ind. Ter  
for citizenship in the Choctaw nation  
for myself my 2 Children and George  
and Kate Milford Center Ind. Ter

Signed J. J. Scarborough age 37  
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
for which I set my hand and seal  
this the 4 day of Sep A.D. 1896

John F. West  
Notary Public



**End**

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Arthur E. Scoby

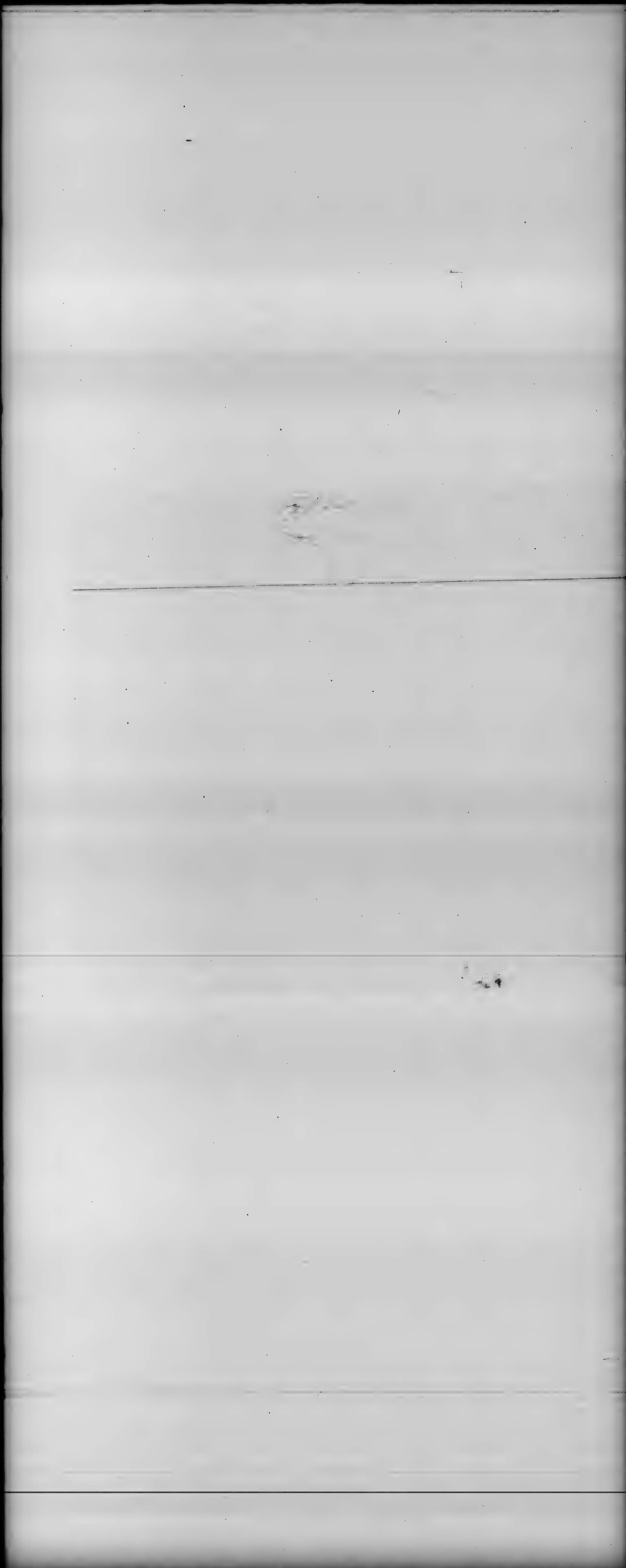
Arthur E. Scoby

Application of  
A. E. Seoby  
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Henderson &  
Wm. Thigley

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to pay

Hyatt Chipley being duly sworn  
an oath depose and say my name  
is Hyatt Chipley age 20 years  
my Post Office is Davis L.V.

I know Mrs F. E. Seely, she is  
a daughter of James Seely  
A half breed Chickasaw & Choctaw  
Indian.

She is a half sister to James E. Peters-  
on.

Mrs Seely is an Indian by  
blood

Have never heard of her rights being  
disputed

I am a Chickasaw Indian by blood  
And have no interest in this case.

Hyatt Chipley

Subscribed & sworn to before me  
this 7 day of Sept. 1894

Wm. R. R. R.

Notary Public



And, Trusty of our virtue in me  
I Joseph Dymally County and Towns  
Judge of Richmond County, N.Y.  
Do this day date some license to  
Arthur Eldridge Seely a citizen  
of the United States in marriage to  
Marry Mrs. John T. Seely  
A citizen of the Ohio State nation  
in accordance to the laws of  
marriage

Given under my hand  
This the twenty eighth day of March 1878

According to the day of  
April 1896 E.W. Ratta

Chas. J.  
C.C. J.

This is to certify that this is a  
True and correct copy of this  
marriage license

Given under my hand and  
seal of office This 5 day of  
Sept 1896

E.W. Ratta

Chas. J.  
C.C. J.

licentia  
A. L. Seely  
for  
Citizenship Commission  
not in  
copy.

St. Paul  
attorney  
Applicant.

Robertson, C.  
Chickasaw Nation 6  
Indian Territory 3

I C. C. Vannoy an  
ordained minister of the gospel  
do hereby state on the 30 day of March  
A.D. 1896 I did duly and according  
to the law of the Chickasaw Nation  
file 3. Indians

Solemnize the rite of matrimony  
between the parties above <sup>named</sup> mentioned  
Witness my hand this the 30 day of  
March <sup>A.D.</sup> 1896

C. C. Vannoy  
An ordained minister of the E.P. Church

Recorded this the 17 day of April 1896  
G. W. Ratta  
Clerk

This is to certify that this is a true  
and correct copy of this marriage  
certificate

Given under my hand and seal  
of office this the 5 day of Sept.  
1896

G. W. Ratta Clerk  
J. C. C. H.

**End**



Jinlin Scott

#1270

Jinlin Scott

CASE No. 117  
**AFFIDAVIT**  
OF

James H. Pratt

Written.

*James H. Pratt*  
4-11-1877

# AFFIDAVIT.

*Mack McDonald* *Tom Billy*, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says:

That he resides at *Tulsa*, State of *Oklahoma*  
 that he is *58* years of age; that he knows *Linkin Scott*  
 the claimant, and that he is a *Choctaw* Indian by blood; that the following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's ~~Wife~~ *Linkin Scott*  
 Husband  
 Claimant's Father  
 Mother  
 Claimant's Father's Father *Docthe*  
 Father's Mother  
 Mother's Father  
 Mother's Mother  
 Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather  
 Indian Great Grandmother

## CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

|                       | SEX. | AGE. |  | SEX. | AGE. |
|-----------------------|------|------|--|------|------|
| 1. <i>Mamie Scott</i> |      | 6.   |  |      |      |
| 2.                    |      | 7.   |  |      |      |
| 3.                    |      | 8.   |  |      |      |
| 4.                    |      | 9.   |  |      |      |
| 5.                    |      | 10.  |  |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from recognized members and citizens of the *Choctaw* Nation, and as such ought to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the *Choctaw* Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the *24th* day of *ccccg*, 1896. *Mack McDonald*  
*Tom Billy*

State of Illinois  
County of Cook

ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1896,  
before me, J. McDonald, J.P., personally came  
Walter McDonald and George Bell, who speak  
and understand the English language well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal. the day and year first above  
written.

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AFFIDAVIT

John Bell



**End**

Lillie S. Belle Scott

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Lillie S. Belle Scott

- Scott, Lillie Belle,
- Scott, Walter,
- Scott, George D.,
- Scott, Sherrill,
- Johnson, Benjamin L.,
- Johnson, Mattie L.,
- Johnson, Rufus B.,
- Johnson, Bennie Lewis,
- Johnson, Lewis A.,
- Johnson, Cliff,
- Johnson, Horace,
- Johnson, Lewis A., Jr.,
- Johnson, Wm. C.,
- Johnson, Annie,
- Johnson, Maryon,
- Johnson, Geneva,
- Johnson, Judith,
- Johnson, Mary,
- Johnson, Barnett,
- Johnson, Henry A.,
- Johnson, Rufus L., Jr.,
- Johnson, Bettie.
- Johnson, Willie L.
- "      Willie D. Jr.
- "      Mary-





Affidavit of Campbell LeFlore

Campbell LeFlore having been first duly sworn states that he is personally acquainted with Willie LeFlore and knows him to be the son of Martha LeFlore, a Choctaw Indian in blood, whose name prior marriage was Martha LeFlore; that he and Martha LeFlore was a daughter of Benjamin LeFlore, of the LeFlore family, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation and Indian in blood and of the Choctaw Nation.

Campbell LeFlore

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of September, 1906.

A. A. Armstrong

Notary Public

W. C. LeFlore, witness Feb 25 '97.

Affidavit of Benjamin LeFlore

Benjamin LeFlore having been first duly sworn, states that she is personally acquainted with Willie LeFlore and knows him to be the son of Martha LeFlore, a Choctaw Indian in blood, whose name prior marriage was Martha LeFlore; that he and Martha LeFlore was a daughter of Benjamin LeFlore, of the LeFlore family, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation and Indian in blood and of the Choctaw Nation.

Benjamin LeFlore

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of September, 1906.

A. A. Armstrong

Notary Public

W. C. LeFlore, witness Feb 25 '97.

This Application respectfully submitted to the honorable  
river Commission and based upon the accompanying affidavits,

Attestation of  
William H. Johnson  
? Captain of Boat  
? River Commission

William of  
the Duke of  
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for the Duke of  
the Duke of

Testimony to be introduced before the Honorable Dawes Commission, late before H. A. B. Clerk &  
Notary Public, in the matter of the claim for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation of Leticia Bell Scott, her chil-  
dren Walter Scott age ten years, George D. Scott age 7 years, Annie B. Scott age 5 years; Benjamin  
L. Johnson and his children Mattie L. Johnson age 5 years, Rufus B. Johnson age 3 years, Annie Lewis  
Johnson age 1 year, Lewis L. Johnson and his family, Cliff Johnson his wife and his children Horace  
Johnson age 2 years, Lewis L. Johnson age 2 months; John P. Johnson and his children John P. Johnson  
his children Mary Johnson age 3 years, General Johnson age 3 years, Ruth Johnson age 1 year;  
Mary Johnson Barnett Johnson, and Henry L. Johnson wife of L. Johnson Jr. Bettie Johnson wife of  
Benjamin Johnson omitted above, to follow the same of George D. Scott.

Affidavit of Willie L. Johnson

Willie L. Johnson, having been duly sworn, states that he is a brother of the above named claimants  
Leticia Bell Scott, Benjamin L. Johnson, Lewis L. Johnson, John P. Johnson, Mary Johnson, Barnett Johnson,  
Henry L. Johnson, Rufus B. Johnson, and their children. That his brother and sisters  
above mentioned are Choctaw Indians & born in residence of the State of Mississippi.

That they are children of Martha D. Johnson, whose name before marriage was Martha LeHore,  
that the said Martha D. Johnson is daughter of Benjamin LeHore, of Mississippi, and a sister  
of Campbell LeHore and Benjamin LeHore, citizens of Mississippi, and of Choctaw Nation,  
and Indians by blood of the Choctaw Nation. That William wishes to be guided by the  
instructions and request of his above named brother and sisters, nephews and nieces, to  
make application before the Honorable Dawes Commission for the purpose of establishing  
their claims to the rights and privileges of Choctaw citizens in the Choctaw Nation.  
That in the caption of this affidavit the name of Bettie Johnson, wife of Benjamin L. Johnson,  
was omitted, and he wishes herein to insert her name as an applicant for citizenship.

Willie L. Johnson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st of September, 1892

H. A. B. Clerk

Notary Public

(My Comm. expires Feb 25/97)



*Affidavit of Depew Lombard.*

Depew Lombard, having been first duly sworn, says, that she is a Choctaw Indian by blood and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, that she is personally acquainted with Lillie Belle Scott, her children, Walter, George D. Sherrie C.; Benjamin Johnson, his children Mattie L. Ruff, B. and Bennie Lewis; Lewis A. Johnson his wife, Cliff Johnson, his children Horace and Lewis A. Jr.; Wm. C. Johnson, his wife, Anne Johnson, his children Nancy, Geneva and Frank M.; Mary Johnson, Barnett Johnson; Henry A. Johnson, and Rufus S. Johnson Jr., are the children of Martha Johnson, whose name before marriage was Martha Le Store who was a sister of John & Alice of Campbell in 1860 who are residents of the Choctaw Nation, also citizens, and are Choctaw Indians by blood. That she knows the above named applicants to be Choctaw Indians by blood and entitled to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

(Testimony of Depew Lombard)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of September 1891.

J. H. Wheatman

Notary Public

(My Comm. expires Oct. 20, 92)

(Testimony of Campbell Le Store)

Campbell Le Store, having been first duly sworn, states that he is a Choctaw Indian and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, that he is personally acquainted with Lillie Belle Scott, Benjamin L. Johnson, his children, Walter, George D. Sherrie C.; Benjamin Johnson, his children Mattie L. Ruff, B. and Bennie Lewis; Lewis A. Johnson his wife, Cliff Johnson, his children Horace and Lewis A. Jr.; Wm. C. Johnson, his wife, Anne Johnson, his children Nancy, Geneva and Frank M.; Mary Johnson, Barnett Johnson; Henry A. Johnson, and Rufus S. Johnson Jr., are the children of Martha Johnson, whose name before marriage was Martha Le Store who was a sister of John & Alice of Campbell in 1860 who are residents of the Choctaw Nation, also citizens, and are Choctaw Indians by blood. That he knows the above named applicants to be Choctaw Indians by blood and entitled to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

(Testimony of Campbell Le Store)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of September 1891.

J. H. Wheatman

Notary Public

(My Comm. expires Oct. 20, 92)

This Application is herewith submitted to the Honorable  
United States Commissioner on the basis of accompanying affidavits.

Application of  
Wm. Wm. Wm.  
Et al.  
Before the State of New York  
Commissioner

**End**

Louie Scott

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Louie Scott



Scott Lovie  
Scott George  
Scott Myrtle  
Scott Bartie  
Scott Arch

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Office No. 49  
*Lovie Scott and family*

APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

FILED BY  
*Winn and Pyeatt*  
*Orator* Ind. Ter.

Attorneys for Applicant.

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APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

United States of America, Indian Territory, ss.

THE HON. HENRY L. DAWES, CHAIRMAN DAWES COMMISSION, VINITA, I. T.

Your petitioner, the undersigned, being duly sworn on her oath, respectfully states that her name is Lovie Scott wife of Geo. Scott, age 22 years. Post office address Cargancho, 27 and her husband Geo. Scott on intermarriage, and that she is entitled by blood to citizenship in the Indian Territory for the following reasons:

That I am the only child of Malinda Jones whose application is hereto attached and who is a daughter of James L. Jones, who is my Grand-father. I am a resident of the Indian Territory and was intermarried to George Scott in Pope County Arkansas on the day of July 1889, and by my marriage I have 3 children, Myrtle, Bertie and Arch, all now living and the true and lawful children of myself and my said husband George Scott

That her family and relationship consists of the following named persons: My husband George Scott age 28 years, and 3 children, as follows:

Myrtle, Bertie and Arch.  
I am the Great Grand-child of Simon P. Jones who was married to Duskanaqua long years ago

And respectfully asks to be enrolled, together with each member of her family, as a member of the Choctaw Indians in the Indian Territory.

Your petitioner states the above facts as the lawful grounds of her application for citizenship in the said Choctaw Nation, and prays that her claim may be investigated by your honorable body and that she be adjudged to be a citizen of said Choctaw Nation of Indians and entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to such citizenship in accordance with the laws and treaties made with the said Nation of Indians.

WITNESS my hand, on this 8th day of August 1896.

Witnesses:

Lovie Scott

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 8th day of August 1896, and I certify that the said Lovie Scott is a responsible and creditable person worthy of belief, and that I am not interested in the matter to which this matters relates.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office on this 8th day of August 1896.

(Seal)

N. G. Himes  
Notary Public for Dist  
Ind. T.

My com. expires June 21st 1899

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Affidavit of  
*Wm. Horton*

Witness in Claim of  
*Louis Scott & family*  
for citizenship in *Choctaw* Nation

*W. J. Scott*



# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

STATE OF Ind. In.  
COUNTY OF So Dist.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared H. M. Horton who after being duly sworn states that he is 35 years of age, and is a citizen of Pickens County and State of Ind In and that he is personally acquainted with Lovie Scott and her family Who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Lovie Scott is the identical person she represents her self to be in her application for citizenship in said Nation and that the said Lovie Scott is the legal and wedded wife of George Scott and the lawful daughter of Malinda Jones and that from the marriage of George Scott and Lovie Jones (now Scott) they have 3 children born to them, Myrtle, Bertie, and Arch, all now living and the lawful children of the said Lovie Scott and her husband George Scott

Affiant further states that he has known the said Lovie Scott for the past 4 years and knows that she is and has been recognized and treated by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Lovie Scott indicate that the said Lovie Scott is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to me by the said Lovie Scott Affiant states he has every reason to believe that the said Lovie Scott is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of Lovie Scott to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

Halter Gamblin H. M. Horton  
W. G. Winn mar 6

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of Aug A. D., 1896 and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said H. M. Horton and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity. W. G. Winn Notary Public.

My Commission expires on 21 day of June 1897 So Dist. Ind.

**End**

marshal SCOTT  
#1253

marshal SCOTT

Scott, Marshall,

Scott, Jane,

Scott, Nina,

Scott, Beulah,

Scott, Emma,



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Case No. 74

**AFFIDAVIT**

Marshall Scott

Eugene Carleton, Clerk Court,  
By J. B. Davis, Deputy Clerk

AFFIDAVIT.

Bot Geo Smith age 51  
Doctor Dickson, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes  
and says:  
That he resides at Keemon, State of Miss  
that he is 46 years of age; that he knows Marshal Scott  
the claimant, and that he is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the  
following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife Jane Scott  
Husband Marshal Scott  
Claimant's Father Scott  
Mother Mollie  
Claimant's Father's Father Shutubbe  
Father's Mother  
Mother's Father  
Mother's Mother  
Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather  
Indian Great Grandmother

CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

|                        | SEX.     | AGE.     |     | SEX. | AGE. |
|------------------------|----------|----------|-----|------|------|
| 1. <u>Vera Scott</u>   | <u>F</u> | <u>6</u> | 6.  |      |      |
| 2. <u>Bessie Scott</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>4</u> | 7.  |      |      |
| 3. <u>Myrona Scott</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>2</u> | 8.  |      |      |
| 4.                     |          |          | 9.  |      |      |
| 5.                     |          |          | 10. |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from  
recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought  
to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw  
Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, 1896.

his  
Bot Geo Smith  
his  
Doctor Dickson  
man

State of Mississippi }  
County of Newton } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 28 day of August, 1896,  
before me Eugene Carleton Channing Clerk in and for said County, personally came  
Bob L. Smith & Doctor Dickson who speak  
The English Language well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

Eugene Carleton, clerk (seal)  
By J. C. Porter, deputy clerk

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CASE No. 74

AFFIDAVIT

Marshall Scott

**End**



Sarah Sealey

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Sarah Sealey

# AFFIDAVIT.

ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 17 day of August 1896 personally appeared before me Susan Allen a full blood Choctaw citizen of Central District, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, and after being by me duly sworn, according to law, depose and says that she is a resident of the Central District, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, that she age is 40 years and occupation that of a farmer's wife, that she was well and personally acquainted with Waputuby or Bob Eddy in the Choctaw Nation, U.S. of and that the said Waputuby was a Full Blood Choctaw Indian by blood, and so recognized by said Choctaws. I know Sarah Easley and know that she is a daughter of said Waputuby she having taken the English name of Sarah Easley and that she has one son Thomas Jr and affiant makes this sworn statement from her own personal knowledge and acquaintance with the aforesaid Waputuby family of Choctaw Nation, and affiant further states that she is not directly nor indirectly interested in the prosecution of the claim of the heirs of said Waputuby, deceased, for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation Indian Territory.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME, this 17 day of August 1896



E. J. Nixon

Notary Public

# AFFIDAVIT.

ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 17 day of August 1896  
 personally appeared before me Jacob Hark a free white male land  
 citizen of Central District, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, and  
 after being by me duly sworn, according to law, depose and says that he is a resident of the Central  
 District, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, that his age is 47 years and that his  
 occupation that of a farmer, that he was well and personally acquainted with  
Hopkinty or Rob Seely in the Choctaw Nation, S.T. of  
Full blood Choctaw Indian by blood, and so recognized by said Choctaws. I know  
Sarah Seely and know that she is a daughter  
of said Hopkinty and having taken the English  
name of Sarah Seely and that she has one son Thomas  
Seely and that he is the son of the same family  
that makes this sworn statement from his own personal knowledge and acquaintance with the  
alforesaid Hopkinty family of Choctaw Nation, and affiant further  
 states that he is not directly nor indirectly interested in the prosecution of the claim of the heirs of said  
Hopkinty, deceased, for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation  
 Indian Territory.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME,



Printed at the Express office, Chickasha.

Ed. Nixon  
Notary Public

-Original-  
**Application for Enrollment.**

Before the United States Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians:

*Sarah Seely*

Et. Al.  
PETITIONER

*Chickasaw*

Nation, Indian Territory,  
RESPONDENT.

APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

BEFORE THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

I, the petitioner *Sarah Seely* states that *Waputahy*  
*Chickasaw* Indian by blood, was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
*the Chickasaw Nation* and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and  
annuities of other *Chickasaw* Indians by blood in the said *Chickasaw*  
Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of said *Waputahy* appears  
on the rolls of the said *Chickasaw* Indians for the year  
That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said *Waputahy* to-wit:

*A daughter - she having taken the  
English name of Sarah Seely -*

That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said *Chickasaw* Nation or  
Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled  
to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said *Chickasaw* Nation of Indians in Indian  
Territory, and entitled to all the rights, benefits privileges and annuities of other *Chickasaw*  
Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner *one* person, as  
follows, to-wit:

*A son of your Petitioner, viz:*  
*Thomas J. Miner Jr. by* and *five*  
..... years of age.  
..... years of age.  
..... years of age.  
..... years of age.  
..... years of age.  
..... years of age.  
..... years of age.  
..... years of age.  
..... years of age.  
..... years of age.

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that *her* name, with those of



Thomas J. Munn be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges  
and immunities of Chickasaw Indians, in and to the Chickasaw Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.  
J. J. Sawyer  
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONERS.

The undersigned petitioner: Sarah Sealey says that the statements  
set forth in the above reciting petition are true according to her best knowledge, information and belief.  
Sarah Sealey  
PETITIONER.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 17 day of August 1896.  
E. J. Nixon  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

APPLICATION OF

FOR

Enrollment in Chickasaw Nation.

Filed on the 17 day of August, 1896.

Sec'y U. S. Commission Five Civilized Tribes.

Attorneys for Petitioner.

Printed at the Express office, Chickasha.

**End**

o.w. Seay

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o.w. Seay

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BEFORE THE HON. DAWES COMMISSION

O. W. Seay,

vs.

Chickasaw Nation.

Application for Enrollment as  
Citizens.

*Copy*

A. WALCOTT,

Attorney for Applicant.



To the Honorable Dawes Commission: Hon. Henry L. Dawes, Chairman

O. W. Seay,.....

vs.

Chickasaw Nation,.....Defendant.

Plaintiff for Citizenship

Comes now O. W. Seay and respectfully shows to the Commission that he is an intermarried citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, having been married under a license issued on the 28th day of August, 1887; that on the first day of September, 1887, as shown by the evidence annexed hereto, marked Exhibit A, the rites of matrimony were solemnized between O. W. Seay and Miss Minnie Sealey, by Reverend J. W. Davenport, a duly ordained minister of the gospel; that since said time he has enjoyed all the rights, privileges and immunities of a full-blood Chickasaw Indian, and does at this time.

Plaintiff further states the fact to be that his name was, and he still believes is, on the roll made by the Chickasaw Nation of the members of its tribe in the year 1893, at which time the annuity money was paid to the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians, and this plaintiff drew his pro rata part of this money.

Plaintiff further shows by the evidence of C. D. Carter, Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Chickasaw Nation, and W. H. Bourland, County Judge of Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, that he has enjoyed all the rights and privileges of a Chickasaw Indian; that by the affidavit of Frank W. Hyden, deputy permit collector, and William Newton, also a deputy permit collector, under Grove Chase, permit collector for Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, that he has had permits issued to his tenants under him, thereby recognizing him as a Chickasaw Indian.

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Plaintiff further states that he has continuously resided in said Nation since said time, and has complied with all of the laws of said Nation since he became a member of the tribe.

The above facts being considered, Plaintiff asks that his name be placed upon the roll of the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians, and will ever pray, etc.

(Signed)

O. W. SEAY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 13th day of August, A. D., 1896.

(Signed)

T. C. BRIDGMAN,  
Notary Public.



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"EXHIBIT A"

--: O. W. SEAY and MISS MARISSA HEART :--

Marriage License Issued to the Above Parties by the County Judge  
of Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, on the 25th day  
of August, A. D., 1887.

--: MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE :--

I, Rev. J. W. Davenport, hereby certify that on 1st day of Sep-  
tember, A. D., 1887, I united in marriage O. W. Seay and Miss Mari-  
ssa Seay, the parties above named.

Witness my hand this 5th day of September, 1887.

(Signed)

REV. J. W. DAVENPORT.

I hereby certify that the above marriage certificate is a cor-  
rect copy of the original, filed for record this 18th day of September,  
A. D., 1887.

(Signed)

A. H. LAY.

CLERK J. L. G. H.

I hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of original.

This 18th day of August, A. D., 1888.

(Signed)

JOHN HEART.

County Clerk,  
P. C., C.N.



INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Southern District, ) ss.  
Chickasaw Nation. )

Affidavit of Frank S. Hyden, in name of  
O. W. Seay vs, Chickasaw Nation.

I, Frank S. Hyden, deputy permit collector of the Chickasaw Nation, do hereby testify on oath that I am acquainted with O. W. Seay, the plaintiff in the above action, and was and am acquainted with his former wife, Minnie Sealey, and know her to be a three-quarter Chickasaw Indian; that, as deputy permit collector for Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, I did issue permits under O. W. Seay to his tenants, under the instructions from Grove Chase, Permit Collector; that said O. W. Seay was then and is now recognized as an Indian and has shared in all the benefits and privileges of a full-blood Indian.

(Signed)

FRANK S. HYDEN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 10th day of  
August, 1896.

(Signed)

T. C. HENDERMAN,

Notary Public.



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
Indian Territory, } ss.  
Southern District. }

--: Affidavit of I. O. Lewis :--

I, Isaac O. Lewis, hereby certify that I have known C. W. Seay since about 1888, and that said C. W. Seay has been recognized as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation or tribe of Indians to all intents and purposes, except the rights of suffrage, and is recognized as such at the present time.

(Signed)

ISAAC O. LEWIS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of August,  
1896.

(Signed)

J. E. GRINSTEAD.

Notary Public.

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CHICKASAW NATION, }  
Indian Territory. }

C. D. Carter, a Chickasaw Indian by blood, on oath states: I was National Auditor of the Chickasaw Nation during the Leased District Annuity payment in the year 1893, and was by virtue of my office custodian of the pay-rolls, and I know that the name of O. W. Seay appeared on said pay rolls, and that money was drawn in his name.

(Signed)

C. D. CARTER.

Subscribed and sworn to this Aug. 10th, 1896.

(Signed)

L. P. LAW,

Notary Public.

Chickasaw Nation, }  
Southern District }  
Pickens County. }

Affidavit of W. H. Bourland to be used in case of  
O. W. Seay vs. Chickasaw Nation.

I, W. H. Bourland, do swear that I knew the Indian wife of O. W. Seay, and knew her to be a Chickasaw Indian by blood. I also knew her father and mother, and knew them to be Chickasaws by blood. I further swear that O. W. Seay was put on the roll and drew his annuity. I was asked by the committee appointed by the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, Jonas Wolfe, to purge the rolls at the time the annuity money was paid three years ago, what I knew of O. W. Seay. After a full knowledge of his standing as a Chickasaw was had by the committee, his name was left on the roll.

(Signed)

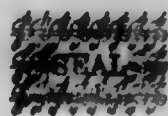
W. H. BOURLAND,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 10th day of  
Aug., 1890.

(Signed)

T. C. BRIDGMAN,

Notary Public.



INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Southern District. ) s. . --: Affidavit of J. H. Brown :--  
Chickasaw Nation. )

J. H. Brown, being sworn, says that he knows C. W. Seay and know  
him to be a recognized Chickasaw Indian, and has been for the past nine  
years.

(Signed)

J. H. BROWN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 10th day of  
August, 1898.

(Signed)

L. P. LAW,

Notary Public.

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O. W. Seay.....Plaintiff,)

vs.

Chickasaw Nation,.....Defendant.)

--: A R G U M E N T :--

In this case, if the Court, please, the Plaintiff, O. W. Seay, claims citizenship through intermarriage with a Chickasaw Indian by blood. In support of Plaintiff's claim, a certified copy of the license, with the minister's return thereon, is herewith submitted and marked Exhibit A.

Plaintiff further shows to the Court by affidavits of I. O. Lewis, Attorney General of the Chickasaw Nation, Charles D. Carter, Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Chickasaw Nation, W. H. Bourland, County Judge of Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, and by Frank S. Hydon, Deputy Permit Collector of the Chickasaw Nation, that from and after the time that said O. W. Seay was married to Miss Minnie Sealey, a Chickasaw Indian, he has enjoyed all the rights, privileges and immunities of a full-blood Chickasaw Indian. The affidavit of C. D. Carter, Superintendent of Public Instruction, shows that the name of O. W. Seay was placed upon the Chickasaw rolls as a Chickasaw Indian, and that he drew his annuity. The affidavit of I. O. Lewis, Attorney General, shows that the said O. W. Seay, the Plaintiff in this case, has never been denied but one right in the Chickasaw Nation, and that was the right of suffrage. Plaintiff has enjoyed, and does yet enjoy, all the rights as if he were a Chickasaw by blood, with this one exception, and believes now that his name has been placed upon the rolls as prepared by the Chickasaw Nation immediately prior to the payment of the annuity money about two years ago.

Should the rolls fail to show the name of this Plaintiff, then we ask you gentlemen to place his name upon the roll of the members of the Chickasaw Nation to be prepared by you.

This case presents a slightly different phase from any other case of an intermarried citizen. This Plaintiff is an intermarried citizen, and has drawn his annuity; while a great many other intermarried citizens have never been permitted to draw any annuity. It has been the intention of every Chickasaw, whether he be an officer or a private citizen, (as the affidavits herewith submitted will show), that this Plaintiff should enjoy the same rights as if he were a full-blood Indian. Why he should stand upon a different footing from any other intermarried citizen, we do not know; but, evidently, the Chickasaws have declared in their own minds, and by their own acts, that this Plaintiff is entitled to all the rights as if he were a Chickasaw by blood; and he has enjoyed all such rights, except the right of suffrage. If the Plaintiff is not already enrolled, he may be said to stand upon the same footing as any other intermarried citizen, notwithstanding the fact that the Chickasaws have delegated to him more rights and more powers than they have accorded other intermarried citizens.

We submit the above and ask your careful consideration of the facts concerning this matter.

Respectfully submitted.

*Arthur Walcott*

Attorney for Plaintiff.

*I Arthur Walcott do solemnly swear that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original papers in the above case.*

*Arthur Walcott*

*Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day 1846 J. C. Bridgman  
Indian Commissioner*

Page 42 of Affidavit.

INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Southern District, } ss.  
Chickasaw Nation. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I have personally examined the original papers, including the affidavits and petitions in the case of \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, and that I know the copies to be exact and complete copies of the original papers in said case; that I was present when said copies were inclosed, registered and mailed to the governor of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the \_\_\_\_ day of  
August, A. D., 1898.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public.

**End**



Lucy Secor  
#484

Lucy Secor

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of  
*Lucy Secor* Applicant for  
enrollment as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

YOUR APPLICANT *Lucy Secor*, respectfully  
represents to this Honorable Commission that she is a regularly recognized member of the Choctaw  
Tribe of Indians of the Choctaw Nation and is entitled to be placed upon the rolls, to be pre-  
pared by this Honorable Commission as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians on the fol-  
lowing grounds, to wit:

1st. There is no true and proper roll of the members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians and  
no law or authority for the Choctaws to make such a roll.

2nd. On the *17* day of *June* *1875* your applicant was a white woman  
and a citizen of the United States and on said day was legally married to  
*William Secor*, who was then and is now a regularly  
recognized member by blood of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, a copy of the marriage certificate  
is hereto attached and marked "Exhibit A" and made a part hereof.

That there was not then nor is there now, any law of the Choctaw Nation authorizing the  
issuing of a marriage license and it was and now is the established custom for Choctaw men to  
marry white women without a license from the Choctaw Nation and by such marriage white  
women become members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians and are so recognized by the Choctaw  
authorities.

Your applicant files herewith the affidavit of *R. J. Coleman*  
as additional proof of the citizenship of said *William Secor* and  
the custom among the Choctaws and asks to be placed upon the rolls as a member of the Choctaw  
Tribe of Indians.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *29th*  
day of *August* *1886*

*R. J. Coleman*  
Notary Public for the Central District of the Indian Territory.

*Com. Expires Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1897*

(Seal)

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BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

In the matter of the application of  
Mrs. *Lucy Seer* Applicant for  
enrollment as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

BE IT REMEMBERED. That on this the *29* day of *August* 1896,  
personally appeared before me the undersigned authority *C. B. Coleman*  
who having been by me first duly sworn according  
to law states on his oath as follows:

-I am *50* years old, I am a resident of *Tobuckay* county of the  
Choctaw Nation and a recognized member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians. I have known  
Mrs. *Lucy Seer* and her husband for *2* years,  
her husband is a member, by blood, of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians and was such at the time he  
married *Lucy Seer*, I knew his father and mother and they  
were recognized members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, Mrs. *Lucy Seer*  
has ever since her marriage been a recognized member of said  
Tribe.

At the time of Mrs. *Lucy Seer* marriage to *Wm.*  
*William Seer* it was the custom among the Choctaws for Indian  
men to marry white women without a license and license was not granted. That custom still  
prevails and white women who marry Indian men become members of said Tribe

*C. B. Coleman*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *29*  
day of *August* 1896.

*C. J. Watson*

Notary Public for the Central District of the Indian Territory.

Comm. expires Sep. 27, 1898

(Seal)

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Marriage Certificate.

Stringtown, I. T. June 14<sup>th</sup> 1893.

This is to certify that I, a minister of the Gospel, did on this day  
unite in marriage Wm. Secor and Lucy Wingrove, both of Stringtown,  
Chester Nation.

W. F. Hargrave,

Witness.

E. R. Wingrove,

R. E. Thomas.



**End**

W. H. Secor

#407

W. H. Secor

BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Wm H. Scott, Applicant for enrollment as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

YOUR APPLICANT, Wm H. Scott, respectfully presents to this Honorable Commission that he is a regularly recognized member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians of the Indian Territory and is a bona fide resident of the Choctaw Nation and is entitled to be placed upon the rolls being prepared by this Honorable Commission, as a member of said Choctaw Tribe or Nation, for the following reasons to-wit:

1st. There is no correct and perfect roll of the members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and no law or authority for the Choctaw Nation to make such rolls.

2nd Your applicant was on the 31 day of March 1861. A citizen of the United States and a white man and resident of the Choctaw Nation and was on said date legally and in compliance with the laws of the Choctaw Nation married to Felina Scott nee Felina Ellis who was then and is now a regularly recognized member by blood of the said Choctaw Tribe of Indians, a copy of the marriage license and the certificate of marriage is hereto attached and marked exhibits "A" and "B" and made a part hereof.

3rd. By virtue of said marriage your applicant became a member of the said tribe of Indians and has ever since been so recognized by the other members of the said nation and his membership has never been denied or forfeited.

Your applicant files herewith the affidavit of J. M. Winters As additional proof of the membership of his wife, Felina Scott nee Felina Ellis And asks that his name be placed upon the roll as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

Wm H. Scott  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 3 day of September 1896.

E. H. Doy  
Notary Public for the Central District of the Indian Territory.

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Wm. H. Secor,

249 To

Selen Ellis.

Be it remembered that on this 30th day of March, 1861 the following marriage license was issued, to-wit:

Texas, To-wit: Lamar County, SS.

To any who shall so these presents, Greeting: Know ye, that any person legally authorized to celebrate the rites of matrimony is hereby licensed to join in marriage as husband and wife, Wm. H. Secor and Selen Ellis and for so doing this shall be his sufficient authority.

In testimony whereof I, Jacob Long, Clerk of the Lamar Circuit Court herunto subscribed my name and affix the seal of said Court this 30th day of March, 1861.

seal.

J. Long, Clk.

Be it further remembered that on this 30 day of March 1861 the following certificate was filed in my office, to-wit: Texas, to-wit: Lamar County. This certifies that I joined in marriage as husband and wife Wm. H. Secor and Selen Ellis on the 30 day of March 1861.

John Maxwell, J. P.

State of Texas,

Lamar county.

I, D. Ridley, Clerk of the District Court of Lamar County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the marriage license and return on same issued to Wm. H. Secor to Marry Selen Ellis as the ~~likewise~~ same appear of record in marriage Book I of Lamar County, now ~~existing~~ in the District Clerk's office of said County.

Given under my hand and official seal at Paris on this the 30th day of October, A. D. 1874.

(seal)

D. Ridley,  
Clerk D. C. Lamar Co.



Choctaw Nation, County of Blue, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. 1874.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, E. J. Pitchlynn and deposed and says, that in the year 1868 that he was Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kiameshi County, in said Nation and that one, William H. Soco was duly summoned and did appear at the Circuit Court in said County of said year, and served as a juror during the term of the Circuit Court.

E. J. Pitchlynn,

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1874.

L. S. W. Folsom,

Judge of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit C. N.

I do hereby certify that the above named person, L. S. W. Folsom is Judge of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Dist of the Choctaw Nation, and all his acts are to be acknowledged as such and that E. J. Pitchlynn was Circuit Clerk at that time and that William H. Soco served as grand jury.

Given under my hand and official seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. A. D. 1874.

Jno. P. Turnbull,

National Secretary Choctaw Nation.

Mr Secor  
<sup>us</sup>  
Choctaw Nation

White Man

**End**

T.L. Self

T.L. Self



Office *Marying* *Henry*  
United States of America  
And the Judicial District  
To any Person duly  
authorized by law to  
solemnized Marriage

you are hereby commanded to solemnize  
the rite and Publish the Bonds of Matrimony  
Between M J L Self of Baltimore in the Indian Ter  
aged 23 years and Miss Ida Wallace of Baltimore  
in the Indian Ter aged 19 years according to law  
and do you officially sign and return this license  
to the Parties therein named  
Witness my hand and official seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of  
March 1894

Joseph W Phillips clerk of the U S court  
And the Judicial District  
I hereby certify that this instrument  
was filed for record in my office at 2 O'clock  
116 1894 and is duly recorded in Book 4  
Page 340 Joseph Phillips clerk P Bruce Debit

Copy certificate of Marriage  
United States of America J. L. Prime  
and Ter<sup>first</sup> <sup>Anglican</sup> ~~Primate~~ <sup>Minister</sup> of the Chapel  
do certify that on the 7 day of March 1894 I solemn-  
ized and according to the Law as commanded in the  
following license solemnized the rite and  
Publish the Bonds of Matrimony Between the  
Parties therein named  
Witness my hand and seal this 7 day of March 1894  
my credentials are recorded in the office of the  
Clerk of the U. S. Court and Ter<sup>first</sup> <sup>Anglican</sup> ~~Primate~~ <sup>Minister</sup>  
Book A Page 89 Thomas L. Prime  
a Minister of the Chapel

To the Honorable Jeff. Brinkins  
Gen of the District of Columbia  
in Enclose find copies of Papers which  
I send this day to the Dals commission  
to have my name placed on the Rolls of  
Citizenship I mention a checked name  
By Blood and if you will assist me in any  
way it will be kindly appreciated by me  
Respectfully J L Self  
P L

I may hope some day to see you  
I have one child by her its name  
is Oley Self  
J L Self

**End**



William R Senter

William R. Senter

Before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes:

In the Matter of the Claim of William R. Senter for citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation.

The applicant would state for his claim that his age is 31 years  
and that his Post Office is Bokchitto I. T.

The applicant would further state that he is an intermarried citizen of the Choctaw Nation having married Mrs. Lavinia Lewis a registered Choctaw Indian by blood and that they were married in the State of Texas and under the laws of the State of Texas and on the 25th day of Dec 1889 and that they now live together and live in the Choctaw Nation and that they were legally married as will be seen by a certified copy of the marriage license and certificate of the marriage filed herewith and made a part of this application and marked "Exhibit A"

The applicant would ask the Commission to extend Choctaw citizenship unto him and to enroll him on the roll prepared by them for the Choctaw Nation as a citizenship roll.

William R. Senter

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 1st day of Sept. 1890

J. L. Neppes  
Notary Public.

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The State of Texas } To any regularly licensed or ordained  
County of Hamlin } Minister of the Gospel, Judge of the  
District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace,  
in and for said County. Greeting: You are hereby au-  
thorized to solemnize the rites of matrimony between  
Mr. W. R. Senter and Miss Laura S. Lewis, and  
make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of  
said County, within sixty days thereafter, certifying  
your action under this license.

Witness my official signature and seal of office,  
at office in Bonham the 20th day of Dec. 1889

J. P. Noble, Clerk  
County Court, Hamlin County.

I, W. M. Carter hereby certify that on the 25th day  
of Dec. 1889, I united in Marriage W. R. Senter, and  
Laura S. Lewis the parties above named.

Witness my hand, this 25th day Dec. 1889.

W. M. Carter.

Minister of the Gospel

Returned and filed for record the 9th day of July 1890.  
J. P. Noble, County Clerk

The State of Texas } J. B. H. Sadler Clerk of the County  
County of Grayson } Court of in and for Hamlin County, Texas,  
do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct  
copy of the Marriage license and the return thereof, of  
the parties named therein as the same appears of record  
in my office in Volume "G" page 38 of the Marriage  
Records of said Hamlin County Texas

Given under my hand and seal of office  
at Bonham, Texas, August 2nd 1896

J. B. Sadler Clerk County  
Court Hamlin County Texas

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By Geo. S. Cope Deputy

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Affidavit of John Schwartz to be read as evidence before the Commission in behalf of William R. Senter for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

The affiant John Schwartz after first being duly sworn deposes and says that his age is 38 : yrs and that his Post Office is Cadde I.T

The affiant further state that he knows the applicant and have known him for 8 years and knew him before he was married, the affiant states the the applicant married Mrs Lavinia Lewis a Choctaw Indian and that he also knew her before she and the applicant were married hat they live together and live in th Choctaw Nation.

The affiant further state that he has no intrest in the prosecution of this action.

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John Schwartz

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1886

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J. L. Rappole  
Notary Public.

**End**

SARIA Sexton

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Sexton, Saria,  
Taylor, Malissa N.,  
Sexton, Mary J.,  
Sexton, Laura,  
Sexton, Grant,  
Sexton, Bena,  
Sexton, Louise



In the matter of the  
citizenship of Louis  
Beltan.

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Application and  
proof.

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To Hon. Jefferson  
Gardner.

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# APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

Before the United States Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians:

*Dennis Dyer* (born in Et. Al.)  
 Petitioner,  
 VS.  
*Choctaw* Nation, Indian Territory,  
 Respondent.

APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner *Dennis Dyer* states that *William Cavanaugh* was a *half-breed Choctaw* Indian by blood, was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in the *Choctaw* and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and immunities of other *Choctaw* Indians by blood in the said *Choctaw* Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said *William Cavanaugh* appears on the authenticated rolls of the said *Choctaw* Indians for the year to the 1st of Dec. 1904.

That the petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said *William Cavanaugh* to-wit: *William Cavanaugh* was a half-breed Choctaw, and wanted to migrate to the Indian Territory with the help of the Indians, but took sick, died and was buried at what is known as the "Big Bayou" in Arkansas. My brother, Samuel Dyer, fixed up the grave of grand-father Cavanaugh since he has been gone. I am a daughter of *Dennis Cavanaugh* (who married my father Richard Dyer), who was the daughter of *William Cavanaugh*.

That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said *Choctaw* Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said *Choctaw* Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other *Choctaw* Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner persons, as follows, to-wit:

|                                         |     |                |              |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|----------------|--------------|
| <i>William H. Dyer</i> (son of Dyer), a | and | <i>six</i>     | years of age |
| <i>William Taylor</i> , a daughter      | and | <i>sixteen</i> | years of age |
| <i>Mary J. Dyer</i> , a daughter        | and | <i>twelve</i>  | years of age |
| <i>John Dyer</i> , a daughter           | and | <i>ten</i>     | years of age |
| <i>Samuel Dyer</i> , a son              | and | <i>eight</i>   | years of age |
| <i>Dennis Dyer</i> , a daughter         | and | <i>six</i>     | years of age |
| <i>Dennis Dyer</i> , a daughter         | and | <i>three</i>   | years of age |
|                                         | and |                | years of age |
|                                         | and |                | years of age |
|                                         | and |                | years of age |

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that *his* name, with those of

and \_\_\_\_\_ be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges and  
immunities of other Chactaw Indians, in and to the Chactaw Nation or  
Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

And in support of said claim herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence namely:

*Affidavits of Rachel Colburn and Thomas York and James Ashmun.*

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner will ever pray, etc.

John M. Black  
Attorneys for

The aforementioned petitioner, Daria Septim ..... says that the statements set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this ..... day of ..... 1896

**Notary Public**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION OF

\_\_\_\_\_ *H. A.*, \_\_\_\_\_  
Enrollment in \_\_\_\_\_ Nation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_—FOR——  
Filed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_

Sec. U. S. Com Five Civ. Tribe r.  
Attorney for Petitioner.

CAPITAL PARK, South McAlester.

# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Sarisa Sytara  
for admission to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.  
State of Indian Territory  
County of Choctaw Nation } ss

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Rachel Calhoun who, after being by me duly sworn, states:  
That she is 100 years of age, and a resident of the State of Ind. Ter. and County of Choctaw Nation and her post office address is Alotla, Id. T.; that she is personally acquainted with Sarisa Sytara who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

I am a Chickasaw Indian by blood, and have been in the Indian Territory ever since the Indians moved here. I was well acquainted with William Kavanaugh back in Mississippi. He was a half breed Choctaw Indian by blood. He was of a yellow or copper complexion, had high cheek bones, and all the appearance of a Choctaw. Larise Davis (born Kavanaugh) was the daughter of old William Kavanaugh, and the mother of the claimant, Sarisa Sytara. Larise Davis (nee Kavanaugh) showed her Indian blood in a marked degree. The claimant, Sarisa Sytara, clearly shows the Indian blood in all her features, but is not quite so dark as her mother, Larise Davis (nee Kavanaugh).

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Sarisa Sytara for the past 10 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Sarisa Sytara indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Sarisa Sytara he believes the said Sarisa Sytara to be a descendent by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendent of the said William Kavanaugh.

Witness

Priscilla B. Case

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

5th day of

September

1896

Rachel Calhoun

Priscilla B. Case

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires

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# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Sarrie Peyton  
for admission to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.  
State of Indian Territory  
County of Choctaw Nation } ss

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas Fork who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 74 years of age, and a resident of the State of Ark. Ter. and County of Choctaw Nation and his post office address is Simpson, Ark.; that he is personally acquainted with Sarrie Peyton who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

I am a full blood Choctaw and was born and raised in Mississippi. I am well acquainted with the applicant, Sarrie Peyton, who is a grand-daughter of William Levanough, who was a half breed Choctaw by blood. William Levanough was of a deep yellow color, had long, coarse, black hair, and I heard him to be half Indian, and he was so regarded by the neighbors. I heard that the claimant, Sarrie Peyton (nee Davis) is the daughter of <sup>Davis</sup> Louise (nee Levanough), who was the daughter of old William Levanough. Louise Davis (nee Levanough), the mother of the applicant, shows her Indian blood in a marked degree, and so does the claimant, Sarrie Peyton, who is not hardly as dark as her mother Louise Davis (nee Levanough).

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Sarrie Peyton for the past years since I have been in Territory and knows that she has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Sarrie Peyton indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Sarrie Peyton he believes the said Sarrie Peyton to be a descendent by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendent of the said William Levanough

Witness  
Orville B. Case

Thomas Fork  
Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of September, 1896

Orville B. Case  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires

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# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Saria Peyton  
for admission to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.  
State of Ind. Ter.  
County of Choctaw ss

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared James Ashton who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 69 years of age, and a resident of the State of Ind. Ter. and County of Choctaw and his post office address is Krebs, I. T.; that he is personally acquainted with Saria Peyton who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

I am a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and am well acquainted with the applicant, Saria Peyton, and know her to be a grand daughter of William Cananough, who was a half-breed Choctaw Indian by blood. I knew old William Cananough back in Mississippi. He was of a deep yellow complexion, large, coarse, black hair, and seemed to be mostly a full blood. He was a great hand to fish and hunt, and enjoyed an out door life. His daughter Louise Davis (born Cananough) was the mother of the claimant, Saria Peyton (born Davis). Old William Cananough's daughter, Louise Davis (born Cananough) showed the Indian blood plainly, and so does her daughter, Saria Peyton (born Davis), but she is not so dark as her mother Louise Davis (nee Cananough). I have understood that old William Cananough never reached the Indian Territory, but died on his way out here.

Affiant further states That he has known the said Saria Peyton for the past years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Saria Peyton indicate that she is of Choctaw Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Saria Peyton he believes the said Saria Peyton to be a descendent by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe, and a lineal descendent of the said William Cananough

Witness  
Preslie Blake

James Ashton  
Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of September, 1896

Preslie B. Blake  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires

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**End**

Mary A. Shanks

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Mary A. Shanks



Shenke, Mary A.,  
Shenke, Marylyn

BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

MARY A. SHANKS AND CHILD, BONNYLYN SHANKS,

Applicants for enrollment as members  
of the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians.

Your Petitioner for her self and her child above named respectfully represent to this Honorable Commission that on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 18\_\_ William McKinney was a Cherokee Indian residing in the Chickasaw Nation and on said date the General Council of the said Chickasaw Nation duly and legally adopted the said McKinney as a member of the said Chickasaw Nation, by an act of its Council a copy of which is hereto attached and marked exhibit "A", and ever since said act the said McKinney was recognized as a member of said nation and was so recognized on the \_\_\_\_ day of June 1876 at which time your applicant was legally married to said William McKinney, and ever since her marriage to said William McKinney she has been recognized as a member of the said tribe.

At the time of your applicant's marriage to said McKinney there was <sup>a</sup> no law requiring or authorizing a marriage license to be issued and there was no license issued. Said marriage was solemnized in the Chickasaw Nation, of which Nation your petitioner and said McKinney were both residents. In support of the said marriage your petitioner attaches hereto the affidavit of H. F. Murray as exhibit "B".

Your petitioner further shows that on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 18\_\_ said William McKinney died and afterwards to-wit: on the 18th day of Nov. 1882 your applicant was legally married to one G. V. Shanks and that by said last marriage there was born to her the above named child who is now three years old.

That ever since her marriage to said McKinney she has been a resident of the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations.

Your applicant further states that by virtue of said marriage to McKinney she became a member of the Chickasaw Nation and that the act of the Chickasaw Council relating to forfeiture of citizenship was not passed until after her marriage to said McKinney and is not applicable to her case and further your petitioner says that under and by virtue of the

laws of the Chickasaw Nation her child above named is entitled to citizenship in the Chickasaw Nation and that they are both entitled to be placed upon the rolls of the Chickasaw Nation to be prepared by this Honorable Commission.

Your petitioner shows further that since her marriage to said G.W. Shanks the officers of the Chickasaw Nation have refused to place her and her child's name on the roll used by them in the payment of the Leased district money, wherefore your petitioner prays that her and her child's names be placed on said rolls and your petitioner will ever pray etc."

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September 1898.

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Notary Public for the Central  
District of the Indian Territory.

Before the Commission for the Five Civilized Tribes.  
In the Matter of the Application of  
Mrs. Mary A. Shanks, and her child  
Bonnylyn Shanks, applicants for membership in the  
Chickasaw Tribe of Indians.

H. P. Murray, having been by me first duly sworn according to law states on his oath that he is        years old, that he is a member by blood of the Chickasaw Nation and that he has been a resident thereof for        years, that he is acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Mary Shanks and has known her ever since 18\_\_ That he was acquainted with her former husband, William McKinney, who was a Cherokee Indian and who was by an act of the General Council of the Chickasaw Nation, in the year 18\_\_, adopted as a member of the Chickasaw Nation. That he has known said William McKinney ever since the year 18\_\_. And that he was adopted by the General Council of the Chickasaw Nation prior to his marriage to the applicant.

Affiant further states that he married Wm. McKinney to the applicant on the 24th day of June, A. D. 1875 and prior to the act of the General Council of the Chickasaw Nation, forfeiting the citizenship of white persons, who having married an Indian, afterwards married a white person.

Affiant further states that at the time he married he married Wm. McKinney and this applicant he acted as Judge of County and as such Judge and prior to said marriage he issued a marriage license to the said Wm. McKinney to marry this applicant and married said McKinney and this applicant in accordance with said marriage license.

Affiant further states that ever since said marriage the applicant has been a recognized member of the Chickasaw Nation.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this        day of September, A. D. 1896.



May R. Hawks  
Et al.

**End**

O. L. Shannon

O. L. Shannon

copy

Commission to the "Five Civilized Tribes".  
Vinita Ind. Ter.

Application of O. L. Shannon

The undersigned your petitioner, would respectfully represent that he is a white man and resides at Durant Indian Territory, that on the 1st day of January 1896, he was married to Rennie Taylor a citizen of the Choctaw Nation by blood duly registered and recognized as such, that he now nowhere appears on the rolls of said Nation or tribe and that no court or committee is now organized in existence or legally constituted to pass upon his claim. Therefore your petitioner prays for judgment for recognition of him as a citizen by marriage of said Choctaw Nation and for enrollment as such.

O. L. Shannon

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 8th day of Sep 1896.  
W. D. Poole, Notary.



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### Affidavit of Witness.

In the matter of the claim of  
O.L. Shannon to citizenship in the  
Choctaw Nation.

Indian Territory. } SS  
Central District }

Before me W.L. Poole a notary public  
in and for the above named Dis-  
trict, personally appeared Green  
Thompson, who being duly sworn  
deposes as follows:

My name is Green Thompson, I  
am a Choctaw Indian by blood, and reside  
at Durant, Ind. Ter.

I know O.L. Shannon and his  
wife Rennie Shannon. Rennie Shannon is  
a member of the Choctaw tribe or Nation  
by blood. She is duly registered and  
recognized as such, her maiden name  
was Rennie Taylor. O.L. Shannon and  
Rennie Taylor were married January 29, 1896,  
and are still living together as husband  
and wife.

Green Thompson  
Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 9th of Sep. 1896.

W.L. Poole  
Notary Public

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No. 1060.

Marriage License.  
United States of America } SS  
Indian Territory }  
Central District. }

You are hereby commanded  
to solemnize the Rite and publish  
the Banns of Matrimony, between  
Mr. Ober L. Shannon of Dewart in  
the Indian Territory aged 21 years  
and Miss Rennie Taylor of Dewart  
in the Indian Territory aged 17  
years, according to law, and do  
you officially sign and return this  
License to the parties therein named.

Witness my hand and Official  
Seal this 21 Day December A.D. 1895.

J. B. Stoner  
Clerk of the U.S. Court

(L.S.)

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Certificate of Marriage  
United States of America }  
Indian Territory } SS  
Central District }

I M. C. Clark as minister  
of the Gospel, do hereby certify,  
that on the 1st day of January  
A.D. 1896 I did duly and ac-  
cording to law, as commanded  
in the foregoing License, solemnize  
the Rite and publish the Banns  
of Matrimony between the parties  
therein named.

Witness my hand this 9th day  
of January A.D. 1896.

My Credentials are recorded in  
the Office of the Clerk of the United  
States Court, in the Indian Territory  
Central Dist. Book A. Page 72.

M. C. Clark  
A Minister.

**End**



Emily J. Sharp  
#1512

Emily J. Sharp

Sharp, Emily Jane.

Sharp, Silas.

Sharp, Martin.

Harrington, Eliza Sharp.

Harrington, Ruth.

Harrington, Rosa.  
Harrington, Thomas.

Vinyard, Rhoda Sharp.

Sharp, Richard.

Hendricks, Ella.

Sharp, Edward

(A copy)

Emily J. Sharp's  
Application

Chickasaw Nation Ind Ter  
3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Division  
To the Hon members of the Land  
Commission.

Your petitioner Emily Jane  
Sharp on oath says: I  
am fifty (58) years of age.  
My P.O. is Reagan Chickasaw  
Nation Ind Ter I was born in  
Miss. my father's name  
was Ebenezer Moore, his  
father my grand-father,  
was Silas Moore.

Silas Moore's Mother my  
great grandmother, was a  
full blood Indian, a Choctaw  
I was married to Jack Sharp  
in Calhoun County Miss.  
in the year 1856. We came to  
the Territory after our marriage  
and have since lived here  
Nine Children were born  
to me by that marriage seven  
of whom are now living viz  
Silas Sharp age 40, Martin  
Sharp age 38 Eliza Sharp  
now the widow Harrington  
who has three children



Ruth age 12, Rosa age 5 and  
Thomas age 3) Rhoda Sharp  
now (Vinyard) age 28 Richard  
Sharp age 25 - Ella Sharp (now  
Hendricks) age 21, and Edward  
Sharp age 10, all of whom  
are Choctaw Indians by  
blood, and as such are  
entitled to all the rights &  
privileges of the same.  
My husband died twenty  
two years ago and left a  
large family depending  
on my support for a living,  
and consequently I have  
never been able to have  
my rights to Citizenship  
established. Relying upon  
the truth of the foregoing  
statement, and the truth of  
the same herewith submitted,  
I most respectfully and  
confidently submit my  
claim for the consideration  
of your honorable body.  
Emily Jane Sharp  
Mark

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day  
of Aug A.D. 1890

R. F. French  
Notary Public

My term of office expires Nov 16-90

L. A. Gilman  
Affidavit

Chickasaw Nation Ind Ter.

Third Judicial Division

This day appeared before me,  
The undersigned authority:

Lottie Fittmore to me personally  
well known, and after being sworn  
by me, deposes and says through  
her interpreter Mary Jane  
Melton, who was also sworn:

I am an old woman, some-  
thing near 80 or 84 years of  
age. I am a full blood  
Chickasaw Indian. I left Miss.  
and came with my tribe to  
the Indian Nation. I knew Silas  
Moore, in Miss. he was a  
Choctaw Indian by blood  
I know Emily Ann (Moore)  
Quaid, she lives about 1/2 miles  
from where I live, she is a  
daughter of old Silas Moore,  
who I knew in Miss.; and  
also her, and from my  
knowledge of the family, and  
the general appearance of the  
said Emily Ann Quaid, I believe  
that she is a Choctaw Indian  
by blood.

(Interpreter) Mary Jane Melton  
Lottie Fittmore  
Mary Jane Melton



Sworn and Subscribed To  
before me this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Aug  
1896.

D. H. French  
Notary Public

My Commission expires Nov<sup>r</sup> 16 - 1898

John Gilmore  
Affiant

Copies  
of  
Mrs Martha Sears  
and  
Mrs W. Pennington  
Affidavit

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The States of Texas  
County of Denton

Before me, the undersigned authority,  
on this day personally appeared  
Mrs Martha Scott and Mrs W Pennington  
who after being duly sworn by  
me, says upon oath, that Emily  
Ann David and Benson Wright  
Moore are the Children of  
Silas Moore and also, that  
Davy Sharp is a grand daughter  
of Silas Moore

her  
Martha + Scott  
W + Pennington  
mark

Sworn To and subscribed before me,  
this the 26 day of Aug. A.D. 1896  
O. M. Sneed  
Notary Public

I do here by certify that the above  
is a true copy or copies, as handed  
me by O. M. Sneed. N. P.

Witness my hand and seal  
this the 15 day of Sept. 1896  
My Commission expires Nov. 14 - 1898

(A copy)

Andrew J. Arauto

Affidavit



(Copy)

Third Judicial Division  
Chickasaw Nation Ind. Ter.  
This day appeared before me, a  
notary public in and for the  
Third Judicial Division, Andrew  
Jackson Cowart to me personally  
well known and after being sworn  
by me depose and say, I am  
nearly four years of age, my  
birth place is Tiooga Texas. My  
occupation is farming. I am  
well acquainted with Emily J.  
Sharp and know her to be a  
daughter of Ebenezer Moore. Emily  
J. Moore (now Sharp) was  
married to Jack Sharp in or  
about the year 1866. Old man  
Ebenezer Moore was known as  
a Choctaw Indian by blood.  
Old Silas Moore was the father  
of Ebenezer Moore and was known  
by all as a Choctaw Indian  
by blood.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1896

my true & lawful office Nov 16-25 R. B. French  
Notary Public

(a copy)  
of  
Jane Penny  
affirmed

(x Copy)

Chickasaw Nation Ind. Ter.  
Third Judicial Division

This day appeared before me,  
a Notary Public, Sam Perry  
to me personally well known  
and after being sworn by me  
deposes and says: I am (64) yrs  
of age my post office is Wiley  
Ind. Ter. Chickasaw Nation.

Further Testifying, I knew  
Silas Moore in Miss. before I  
came to this country in 1832 or 33  
Silas Moore was a Choctaw Indian  
by blood. I never knew him  
to be considered anything else  
than a Choctaw Indian.

Emily Moore (Now Guaid) is a  
daughter of Silas Moore and an  
Indian by blood. (Choctaw).

Sam<sup>l</sup> Perry  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this the 4<sup>th</sup> day  
of Sep. 1896

R. F. French  
Notary Public

My Commission expires Nov 10-98

**End**



John A. Sharp

#1147

John A. Sharp

Exhibit A<sup>1</sup> (Copy)

Jacks Fork County, C. W. T.

April 28, 1889,

This is to certify that I have this day  
joined together as husband and wife  
Jno. A. Sharp and Elba Colbert

(Signed)

Jesse H. Walker,  
Minister of the Gospel.

Exhibit "D." (Copy)

The Choctaw Nation,  
Jackson County }

To all to whom these presents shall  
come, Greeting:

Know ye, that J. L. D. Moore,  
County Clerk of Jackson County,  
C. N., do hereby grant a license to  
the Mr. John A. Sharp, a citizen of the  
United States, who desiring to marry  
a ~~citizen of~~ Choctaw woman, Elba  
E. Colbert, and is a resident of the  
aforesaid ~~Choctaw~~ <sup>Choctaw</sup> Nation, and has pre-  
sented to me signers of ten respectable  
citizens of full blood, who state that they  
have known him to be a good moral  
character of two years, as the law re-  
quired, immediately preceding the sign-  
ing of this license and has also taken  
the oath as is required by law of  
the Choctaw Nation.

Given under my hand and seal  
with the official seal, this 23<sup>rd</sup>  
day of April 1889

(Signed) C. D. Moore, Co. Clerk,  
Jackson County, C. N.

Recorded on page 247 in Record book, this May  
4<sup>th</sup> - 1889. (Signed) E. N. Gentry, Circuit Clerk, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Judicial District, C. N.

I do solemnly swear that I will ~~keep~~  
defend and submit to the Constitution  
and laws of the Choctaw nation, and  
will neither claim nor seek from  
the United States Government or from  
the judicial tribunals there of any pro-  
tection privilege or redress incompa-  
tible with the same as guaranteed  
to the Choctaw nation by the Treaty  
stipulations entered into between  
them, so help me God.

(Signed) Jno. A. Sharp.



Exhibit "D" (Copy)

Indian Territory }  
Choctaw Nation }

Before the undersigned authority,  
personally appeared Anna Harr, who  
having been first duly sworn accord-  
ing to law, depose and say that she  
is a citizen of the Choctaw nation by blood  
and is recognized by the Choctaw govern-  
ment as such; that she is personally  
acquainted with Jno. A. Sharp, an  
intermarried citizen of the Choctaw  
nation; that she was present at the  
marriage of the said Jno. A. Sharp  
and Miss Elba E. Colbert, the said  
Elba E. Colbert being a citizen by blood  
of the Choctaw and Chickasaw govern-  
ments as such; that the marriage  
of the said Jno. A. Sharp and Elba  
E. ~~Sharp~~ Colbert took place in  
the Choctaw nation, in the town of  
Autters, under the Choctaw laws,  
and as a result of said marriage,  
one child, whose name is Leo C. Sharp,  
has been born to them. The said Jno.  
A. Sharp and wife have continuously  
lived in the Choctaw nation.  
(Signed) Anna Harr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1896.  
J. J. Schenck  
Notary Public.

(Copy) Exhibit "D"

Indian Territory

Choctaw Nation

Before the undersigned authority this day personally appeared, G. W. Colbert, who having first been duly sworn according to law, ~~states~~ <sup>deposes</sup> and says that he is a citizen of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations by blood, and is recognized as such by the said Choctaw and Chickasaw governments; that he is personally acquainted with Jno. A. Sharp; that the said Jno. A. Sharp married a daughter of affiant, whose name was Elba E. Colbert; that the said marriage took place at affiant's house and affiant being present; that the said marriage was in accordance with the Choctaw laws. The said Jno. A. Sharp and wife, Elba E. Sharp have continuously resided in the Choctaw nation since their marriage, and is now residing in the said Choctaw nation in the town of Outlers, and as a result of said marriage one child, named Les C. Sharp has been born to them.

(Signed) G. W. Colbert.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1896.

J. J. Schenck  
Notary Public.

Copy

Petition of Geo. A. Stark  
to be enrolled as a  
Citizen of the Cherokee Nation.



INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
CHOCTAW NATION. } Before the Hon. United States Commission Known as the Dawes Commission.

TO THE HON. HENRY L. DAWES, CHAIRMAN, AND ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS:

Your petitioner, Geo A Sharp, respectfully represents to your Honorable body that he is justly and legally entitled to be enrolled as a member of the Choctaw Tribe, or Nation, of Indians under the laws and treaties of the United States and the laws of said Choctaw Nation, and is entitled to all the rights and privileges as such, as will appear by exhibits A, B, C & D, hereto attached and made a part of this application, in this, to wit;

Your petitioner is a citizen of the United States; that he was married to Miss Elba E. ~~Sharp~~ Colbert on the 28th day of April 1889, as will be seen by Exhibit "A," and that the said marriage was in accordance with the Choctaw laws, as will be seen by exhibit "B"

Your petitioner further represents that the said Elba E. Colbert, who is now the wife of your petitioner, is a Choctaw Indian by blood, and is recognized by the said Choctaw government as such, as will be seen by exhibits "C" & "D."

Your petitioner asks that he be enrolled as a member of said Choctaw tribe of Indians, as is

authorized by SEC. 1, Page 225, Durants' Compilation of the Choctaw laws, and Art. 38 of the Treaty of 1866.

Wherefore petitioner prays that his name be enrolled according to law as a citizen of said Choctaw Nation, and your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 27th day of Aug, 1894

J. J. Stenck  
Notary Public.

**End**

Viola Sharp  
#275

Viola Sharp

Sharp Viola  
Parter Lee  
Sharp Ruth. Bell  
Sharp Martin Luther  
Sharp John Travis  
Sharp J.E.  
Sharp Willie Barron  
Sharp Josephine  
Parter Archibald W.  
Parter Dan  
Parter Agnes  
Parter Thomas Hudson  
Parter Hugh  
Parter Viola  
Parter Henry Ward



Viola Sharp and Law Porter Copy

To the Honorable  
The Deeds Commission  
Application of Viola Barron now  
Viola Sharp and Law Barron now  
Law Porter for Citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation Indian Territory

~~The~~ Viola  
Sharp and Law Porter both bring  
duly sworn sworn oath that they  
are Choctaw Indians by blood  
and entitled to the rights and privileges  
and benefits of Indians of the  
Choctaw nation Indian Territory  
that Gister Perryman and wife  
were both full blood Choctaw Indians  
and had children one named a daughter  
named Martha who married a white  
man named John Barron and they  
had children of one of which was  
named Thomas Barron he married  
a white woman named Elizabeth  
Robinson and the said Thomas  
Barron married a second wife named  
Mary Jane Shiton a white woman  
and they had children one of which is  
now Viola Sharp who is an applicant  
for Citizenship in the Choctaw nation  
Indian Territory

together with their children

|               |     |    |      |        |
|---------------|-----|----|------|--------|
| Robt Enit     | age | 14 | year | male   |
| Martin Luther | "   | 13 | "    | "      |
| John Travis   | "   | 10 | "    | "      |
| J. B.         | "   | 7  | "    | "      |
| Willie Barron | "   | 3  | "    | "      |
| Josephine     | "   | 4  | "    | Female |

And also

Mrs Lou Porter also an applicant  
for citizenship in the with her children  
for the Choctaw Nation Indian  
Territory Vyz:

|               |     |    |      |        |
|---------------|-----|----|------|--------|
| Archibald W.  | age | 17 | year | male   |
| Due           | "   | 15 | "    | "      |
| Lycensus      | "   | 13 | "    | "      |
| Thomas Hudson | "   | 10 | "    | "      |
| Hugh          | "   | 6  | "    | "      |
| Viola         | "   | 4  | "    | Female |
| Henry Wood    | "   | 2  | "    | male   |

that their

Citizenship is disputed and denied by  
said tribe. petitioner Viola Sharp  
is 38 years of age and a resident  
of Pickens County Indian Territory  
and petitioner Lou Porter is 36 years

of a gr and also a resident of Pickens  
County Indian Territory

Petitioners both  
further states that, <sup>they</sup> have not to the  
best of their knowledge violated  
any of the laws governing the rights of  
Choctaw Indians, or those claiming  
rights as such.

Wherefore applicant  
herewith submit this application with  
the evidence hereto attached and  
pray your Honor for judgment  
upon hearing hereof that they have  
judgment declaring them of said  
Choctaw tribe and citizens of said  
Choctaw nation with their children  
above named and that they be placed  
upon said rolls to be prepared by  
said Commission and for all other  
orders, and decrees necessary and  
proper in the premises.

W. L. Sharp

Sam Porter

Subscribed and sworn to before  
this 5th day of September 1896

R. B. Mattox  
Notary Public in and  
for Montague County Tex



The State of Texas On this day personally appeared before me  
County of Falls The undersigned authority J. C. Campbell who  
after being <sup>sworn</sup> depose and says - I am 95 years of age  
and have known Thomas Barron since the year of 1828. I have  
always known him either as a Cherokee or Choctaw  
Indian His second wife was a white woman and I know  
her name to have been Miss Mary Jane Shelton before  
marrying Thomas Barron He further deposes and says  
I know Thomas Barron in the early days of Texas  
I have known that these tribes frequently visited him on  
their trading expeditions in Texas They have always reg-  
arded him as an Indian He further deposes and says  
that Thomas Barron's blood was never called into  
question by any tribe that knew him. He further deposes  
and says - That Thomas Barron claimed that his grand  
mother was a full Blooded Indian and that his mother  
was a half Breed Indian and half white He further  
deposes and says That his Thomas Barron's general appear-  
ance and custom of life were sufficient proof of his  
Indian ancestry. He further deposes and says that  
all the white people who knew him knew him as an  
Indian I also know that he had children by his  
second wife One of the children was Louisa Barron  
who afterwards married one A. R. Porton who was a  
white man and I know that Louisa Porton  
is the daughter of Thomas Barron and  
Mary Jane Barron.

Witness

F. M. Patterson

his  
J. C. Campbell  
notary



Subscribed and sworn to before me by  
J. C. Campbell. Known to me to be a  
creditable person. This 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1886

J. M. Briggs a Justice of  
the Peace and ex-officio Notary Public  
in and for Falls County Texas

State of Texas) On this day personally appeared before me  
County of Falls the undersigned authority J. C. Campbell who  
after being by me duly sworn deposed and says - I am  
95 years of age and have known Thomas Barron since  
the year of 1825. I have always known him either as a  
Cherokee or Choctaw Indian. His second wife was a white  
woman and I know her name to have been Miss Mary  
Jane Shelton before marrying Thomas Barron. He further  
deposes and says - I knew Thomas Barron in the early  
days of Texas. I have known that these tribes frequently  
visited him on their trading expeditions in Texas. They have  
always regarded him as an Indian. He further deposes  
and says. That he (Thomas Barron's) blood was never  
called into question by any tribe that ever knew him.  
He further deposes and says. That Thomas Barron claimed  
that his Grand Mother was a full Blooded Indian and  
that his mother was a half Breed Indian and  
half white. He further deposes & says - That Thomas  
Barron's general appearance and custom of life were  
sufficient proof of his Indian Ancestry. He further  
deposes and says. That all the white people who know  
him - knew him as an Indian. I also know that he  
had children by his second wife one of the children  
was Viola Barron who afterwards married one J. W.  
Sharp a white man. I know that Viola Sharp was  
the daughter of Thomas Barron and Mary Jane  
Barron.

J. C. Campbell  
mark

Witness

J. M. Patterson

Subscribed and sworn to by J C Campbell  
Known to me to be a creditable person  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1896

J M Laviggs a Justice of the  
Peace and Officer Notary Public  
in and for Hall's County Texas

The State of Texas } Personally appeared before me  
County of Montague, ) Notary Public in  
for the County of Montague State of Texas, J. H. Neely  
and after being duly sworn by me, dep on oath that  
he 63 years of age and resides in Pecos County  
Indian Territory, I am acquainted with R. D.  
Crosby, also his mother and aunts, his mother's  
sisters, and their Brother Tringus Barron, I  
was intimately acquainted with their father  
Thomas Barron, I know him, Thomas Barron  
claimed to be of Indian blood descent, a white  
man with Indian blood - He was recognized  
in the neighborhood he lived in as being part  
Indian blood, He, Thomas Barron has often  
told me that he was part white and part Indian  
blood - His features may be, showed the Indian  
much more than the white blood - The Indians in  
that country made his place their head quarters  
and place of general resort - The Indians were  
his associates - I was in old Mexico once  
and met with an Indian, who was an In-  
dian doctor, named Coherone, and he  
inquired of me about Thomas Barron - He  
said that Thomas Barron was an Indian -  
Thomas Barron married a white woman, &  
they had children - one of the boys was named  
Tringus Barron - and one of their daughters  
was named one Germa who married a white



man named ~~Mr.~~ Reel and one named Viola  
who married a white man named ~~Mr.~~ Sharp - and  
the other one named Tom, who married a white man  
named Peter Porter, and there was one other  
daughter of theirs named

who married a white man named Condup -  
and they had children one of which is named  
R. L. Condup, and that said R. L. Condup with  
his aunts - Germa Reel - Viola Sharp, and Tom  
Porter - and this uncle Fieurgus Brown.

and his mother an applicant for citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory before  
the Dawes Commission and for enrollment

J. H. Nelly.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 5th day of September 1896

R. B. Mattox

Notary Public in & for Montague County

Texas

Reference is hereby made  
to the records and indexes in the case of  
Alameda White Horse M. L. Condup -  
~~brother~~ name Alameda Branson  
now on file before Dawes Commission  
for citizenship - A copy of  
which is hereto attached

Chickasaw Nation |  
Pontotoc County |  
Indian Territory. | ss.

Personally appeared before me John A. McKinzie, a Notary  
Public in and for said county, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory:  
George X. Colbert, who after being duly sworn, depose on oath  
that he is fifty nine years of age and a resident of Pontotoc Coun-  
ty, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory and that he is a Choctaw In-  
dian. I am acquainted with Mrs Viola Sharp; also I am intimately  
acquainted with her ancestors, and also with Serena Reid and Lou  
Porter,—they are all three sisters; also Mrs Almada Cradup, now White  
and mother of Robert L. Cradup, also is a sister. Sister Perry-  
son is a fullblood Choctaw Indian and he married a full blood  
Choctaw Indian woman and they had children, one of which was named  
Lartha, also a fullblood Choctaw Indian and she married a white man  
by the name of John Barron, who was partly of Indian blood. They  
had children, one of which was named Thomas Barron and he married  
a white woman named Elizabeth Robinson, and they had children, one  
of which was named Viola Barron, one Serena Barron, one Lou Bar-  
ron and one named Almada Barron, who is the mother of Robert L.  
Cradup,—and said Viola, Serena, Lou and Almada Barron are all  
now applicants for citizenship of the Choctaw Nation and Tribe,  
and are all married to white men and have children as follows:  
Viola married J. X. Sharp, a white man; Serena married W. J. Reid a  
white man; Lou married A. R. Porter a white man and Almada married  
Robert Cradup, a white man first.

his  
George X Colbert.  
mark.

Sworn and subscribed to before me on this 5th day of September 1898.

WITNESSES

John A. McKinzie, Notary Public.

My commission expires March 8th. 1899.

**End**

Sarah Shields  
#1519

Sarah Shields



out No - 18-19.

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF THE  
INDIAN TERRITORY, SITTING AT ARDMORE.

-----:b:-----  
Sarah Shields, et al., )  
vs. ) APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.  
The Choctaw Nation. )  
-----:c:-----

To the Defendant or its attorneys of record, Messrs.  
Stewart, Gordon & Hailey;-

You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of January,  
1897, we will, as attorneys for the applicants, Sarah Shields,  
et al., file application for an appeal in the above styled cause  
from the orders and judgment of the Commission to the Five  
Civilized Tribes, known as the Dawes Commission, to the United  
States Court at Ardmore, for the Southern District of the Indian  
Territory.

*Abernethy & Cherryman*  
Attorneys for Applicants.

We, \_\_\_\_\_, attorneys for  
the Choctaw Nation, hereby accept notice of the application for  
appeal in the above styled action for citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation, to the United States Court at Ardmore, in the Southern  
District of the Indian Territory.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorneys for Choctaw Nation.

Attorney for Applicant.

*John H. Smith*

Testimony.

Charles Court of Appeals, for the purpose of the Indian  
Civilized Tribes, known as the Lower Commission, to the effect

from the orders and judgment of the Commission to the effect  
of the application for an appeal in the above entitled cause

that we will, as attorneys for the applicant, submit the same  
for the hereby notified that on the 11th day of January,

1901, Gordon & Bailey,  
to the Defendant or its attorneys of record, Messrs.

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The Chicago Record,  
as  
Gordon & Bailey, et al.,

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INDIAN TRIBES, SITUATED AT TULSA,  
IN THE UNITED STATES COURT IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF THE

No.

Application  
Sarah Shields et al  
for citizenship  
in Choctaw Nation

Abernethy & Cherryhomes  
Atty for Applicants.

Copy.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ENROLLMENT OF SARAH SHIELDS, MATTIE DUNN,  
COLBERT IVY, JOHNNIE BROWNING, ELBA SWEET, RIFT DUNE AND JOHN  
DUNN, AS CITIZENS BY BLOOD OF THE CHOCTAW TRIBE OF INDIANS,  
AND OF JOHN C. DUNE AS A CITIZEN BY ADOPTION OF SAID TRIBE OF  
INDIANS.

BEFORE THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER TO THE SEVEN CIVILIZED TRIBES OF  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY, :  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT. )

APPLICATION.

The applicants hereby make application to be enrolled  
as members and citizens of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians and  
state:-

1st. That the applicant, Sarah Shields is a Choctaw Indian  
by blood; that she was born in Montgomery County, Alabama  
Alabama and is now seventy years of age. That she now resides  
near Bradley, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory. That she is  
the daughter of Flem Colbert and Sarah Colbert; that the said  
Flem Colbert was one fourth Choctaw by blood; that he was  
born in Millidgeville, Georgia, and that he has been dead about  
forty years. That the applicant, Sarah Shields, was married to  
William Shields on November 26, 1846 in the State  
of Mississippi. That her said husband is now dead. That the  
issue of said marriage was one daughter, Mattie Shields, now  
Mattie Dunn.

2nd. That the applicant, Mattie Dunn (nee Shields), is the  
daughter of the applicant, Sarah Shields. That the said Mattie  
Dunn now resides near Bradley, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.



and is <sup>three</sup> <sup>hundred</sup> <sup>thirty</sup> years of age. That on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1868 in the State of Mississippi, the applicant was married to John Ivy and has two children now living by said marriage, to-wit: Colbert Ivy, a male, 26 years of age, and Johnnie Browning (nee Ivy), a female, 19 years of age.

That on the 4th day of March 1874 in the State of Texas, the said applicant, Mattie Dunn, was married to John Smith and has one child now living by her said marriage with the said Smith, to-wit: Ella Smith, a female, 14 years of age.

That in March, 1868, in Brazos County, Texas, she was legally married to William C. Dunn, her present husband, and that she and the said William C. Dunn have had two children by their said marriage, who are now living, to-wit: Hope Dunn, a female, aged 5 years, and John Dunn, Jr., a male, aged 2 years.

3rd. The applicant, William C. Dunn, states that in March, 1868, in Brazos County, Texas, he was intermarried with the said applicant, Mattie Dunn. That by reason of his marriage with the said Mattie Dunn, he became a Choctaw Indian by adoption and therefore makes application to be enrolled as such. He states that he was born in the State of <sup>Mississippi</sup> ~~Texas~~ and that he is 41 years of age and now resides near Bradley, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.

4th. The applicant, Colbert Ivy, is a son of the applicant, Mattie Dunn. That he was born in the State of Texas and now resides in said State and is twenty-six years of age, that, being a son of said Mattie Dunn, he is a Choctaw Indian by blood and makes application to be enrolled as such and to take all rights.

Spring 1874  
Dunn

Commissioner

and is <sup>three</sup> ~~forty~~ <sup>has a younger brother in 1868.</sup> years of age. That on April 21<sup>st</sup> 1868 in the State of Mississippi, the applicant was married to ~~John~~ Ivy and has two children now living by said marriage, to-wit:- Colbert Ivy, a male, 26 years of age, and Johnnie Browning (nee Ivy), a female, 19 years of age.

That on the 4th day of March 1879 in the State of Texas, the said applicant, Mattie Dunn, was married to ~~John~~ Smith and has one child now living by her said marriage with the said Smith, to-wit:- Ella Smith, a female, 14 years of age.

That in March, 1888, in Brazos County, Texas, she was legally married to William C. Dunn, her present husband, and with she and the said William C. Dunn have had two children by their said marriage, who are now living, to-wit:- Hope Dunn, a female, aged 5 years, and John Dunn, ~~son~~, a male, aged 3 years.

3rd. The applicant, William C. Dunn, states that on ~~March~~ 1866, in Brazos County, Texas, he was intermarried with the said applicant, Mattie Dunn. That by reason of his marriage with the said Mattie Dunn, he became a Choctaw Indian by marriage and therefore makes application to be enrolled as such. He states that he was born in the State of ~~Texas~~ <sup>Mississippi</sup> and that he is ~~44~~ <sup>41</sup> years of age and now resides near Bradley, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.

4th. The applicant, Colbert Ivy, is a son of the applicant, Mattie Dunn. That he was born in the state of Texas and now resides in said State and is twenty-six years of age, and, being a son of said Mattie Dunn, he is a Choctaw Indian by blood and makes application to be enrolled <sup>one of</sup> as said tribe of Indians.

5th. The said applicant, Johnnie Browning (Neelvy), is a daughter of the applicant, Mattie Dunn. That she was born in the State of Texas and now resides in said State and is nineteen years of age. That she hereby makes application to be enrolled as a Choctaw Indian and states that she is a Choctaw Indian by blood by reason of her being the daughter of the said Mattie Dunn.

6th. The applicant, Ella Smith, is the daughter of the said Mattie Dunn and is therefore a Choctaw Indian by blood; that she was born in the State of Texas, is fourteen years of age and resides near Bailey, I. T., Chickasaw Nation, with her said mother. Wherefore, she makes application to be enrolled as a Choctaw Indian.

7th. The applicant, Hope Dunn, is a ~~daughter~~<sup>son</sup> of the said William C. Dunn and Mattie Dunn; that she is therefore a Choctaw Indian by blood; that she is five years old and resides with her said parents; wherefore she prays to be enrolled as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

8th. That the applicant, John Dunn, Jr., is a son of the said applicants, John C. Dunn and Mattie Dunn and is therefore a Choctaw Indian by blood; that he is three years of age and resides with his said parents at Bailey, I. T. Wherefore he prays that he be enrolled as a member of said Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

Sarah Shields

Mattie Dunn

William C. Dunn

now in Texas - cannot reach them in time.

Robert L. Lacy and Johnnie Browning (Neelvy) by their mother, Mattie Dunn.

Ella Smith.

Sworn to and subscribed before me at my office at Rush Springs, I.T. on this 26 day of August, 1896.

Seal

Thos. J. Brookes, Notary Public  
Commission expires Sept 21 - 1898



In the matter of the enrollment of Sarah Shields, et al, as  
Members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

United States of America,)  
Southern District,     O     ss.  
Indian Territory.     )

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public duly qualified and  
authorized to administer oaths in said District and Territory,  
on this day personally appeared Mattie Dunn, who being by me first  
duly sworn, states in relation to said claim as follows:-

I am forty<sup>three</sup> years of age and my postoffice is Bradley, I.T.  
I am the daughter of the applicant, Sarah Shields and a grand-  
daughter of Flem Colbert.

Affiant is the mother of the following applicants, to-wit:-  
Colbert Ivy, a male, 26 years of age,  
Johannie Browning (Nee Ivy), a female, 19 years of age,  
Ella Smith, a female, 14 years of age,  
Hope Dunn, a female, 5 years of age,  
John Dunn, a male, 3 years of age.

Affiant further states that she is the wife of the said  
applicant, William C. Dunn.

Affiant further states that the said Flem Colbert, the  
grandfather of affiant, was always reputed by all who knew him to  
be an Indian. of the Choctaw Tribe.

(Signed) Mattie Dunn.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of August, 1896.

Thos. J. Brooks,  
Notary Public.

My commission expires Sept 21-1898.





In the matter of the enrollment of Sarah Shields, et al, as  
members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Texas,       )  
                              :       SS.  
County of Burleson, )

Before the undersigned, duly authorized to administer  
oaths, on this day personally appeared J. B. Mullinax, who being  
duly sworn, states in relation to above named claim as follows:-

My age is 78 years, my postoffice address is Wasko Point, Tex.  
and my occupation is Farmer.

Affiant states that about fifty years ago he was acquainted  
with the Colbert Family in the State of Mississippi and  
~~know~~ <sup>thinks</sup> them to be Choctaw Indians by blood beyond any doubt. I  
was intimately acquainted with the Colberts and have often hunted  
and smoked with them. They were known by all their acquaintances  
to be Choctaw Indians.

Affiant further states that he is acquainted with the  
applicant, Sarah Shields and have known her for about 20 years.  
and ~~know~~ <sup>from hearsay</sup> that she is one of the Colbert family above referred to.  
That affiant was ~~acquainted~~ <sup>not</sup> with Flem Colbert, the father of the  
applicant Sarah Shields ~~and that the said Flem Colbert was a~~  
~~Choctaw Indian by blood.~~ <sup>a member of the Colbert Family.</sup>

J. B. Mullinax.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of August, 1896.

Seal

E. G. Bank  
Notary Public.  
Burleson Co. Tex.

In the matter of the enrollment of Sarah Shields, Mattie Dunn, Colbert Ivy, Johnnie Browning, Ella Smith, Hope Dunn and John Dunn as citizens by blood of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians and ~~William C. Dunn~~ as a citizen by adoption of said Tribe of Indians.

United States of America, (  
Southern District, : ss.  
Indian Territory. )

A F F I D A V I T.

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public duly qualified and authorized to administer oaths in said District and Territory, on this day personally appeared Sarah Shields, who being by me first duly sworn, states in relation to the above named claim as follows:-

My name is Sarah Shields and I am the applicant herein. I am 70 years of age and reside near Bradley, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory. That affiant is the daughter of Flen Colbert; that the said Flen Colbert was born at Millidgeville, Georgia, and has been dead about forty years; that the said Flen Colbert was one fourth Choctaw Indian by blood and was ~~known~~<sup>reported</sup> to be an Indian by all who knew him.

That the applicant, Mattie Dunn, is the daughter of affiant and the grand-daughter of the said Flen Colbert.

~~Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of August, 1898.~~ (Signed) Sarah Shields

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <sup>21st</sup> day of August, 1898.

Thos. J. Brakes  
Notary Public.

Commission expires Sept 21-1898.



Ans

4955 Shields, Sarah, OK

4954 Dunn, Mattie,

4953 Ivy, Colbert,

R49 Browning, Johnnie,

4954 Smith, Ella,

4952 Dunn, Hope,

4951 Dunn, John,

Dunn, John C., *denied*  
*never married*  
*before*

4950 *Lincoln* *Johnnie* OK

R393

**End**



John Shults

John Shults

To The Hon Jefferson Gardner  
Chief of Choctaw Nation  
Eaglestown, D.C.

Personal appeared before me a Notary  
Public in & for Central District for the  
D.C. John Shultz first being duly  
sworn according to Law Testifies as follows

That on the 9 day of December 1894  
that he was lawfully married according  
to the Choctaw Law to Miss Fanny  
Gentry who was a citizen of the  
United States at that time &  
was a citizen by blood of the  
Choctaw Nation and am recognized  
the same by all of the Indians  
as being the last payment of  
the Choctaw I drew with them  
My Name is one the Ray Rold  
(Sworn to) Sign John Shultz

Subscribed & sworn before me a Notary  
Public for Central District of D.C.  
this 11 day of September 1896  
D. M. Self  
Notary Public

**End**

Lizzie Simon  
#864

Lizzie Simon



Simon, Lissie  
Simon, I. S.,  
Simon, Henry,  
Simon, Willie,  
Simon, Arthur,  
Simon, Daisy,  
Simon, Barny,  
Simon, Oby,  
Simon, Lealy,  
Simon, Elisha,

Detroit Red River Co Tex  
Sept 9 1896

Ther I Lizzy Simon hereby certify that  
I am a Fort Choctaw Indian on my  
mothers side, being a daughter of  
Piady Wood who is a Choctaw

Lizzy Simon  
Sworn and subscribed to before me this  
the ninth day of Sept 1896

J. J. Gilman  
Notary Public.  
In and for Red River Co Tex

That I J. D. Quinn hereby certify that  
I know Lizzy Quinn to be a daughter of  
Piady Beard who is a Choctaw Indian  
J. D. Quinn  
Done

Sworn & Subscribed to before this the ninth  
day of Sept 1896 J. D. Quinn  
Notary Public  
Done and for Red River Co. Tex

That I, A. D. Marshall hereby certify that I  
know Leifly Simon to be a daughter of  
Prady Weard who is a Cheate Indian  
of D. Marshall  
Sworn & subscribed to before me this 11th  
month day of Sept 1876. J. J. J. J.  
Notary Public  
Ala and for Red River Co. Ala



Alfred - 1850  
Thurs. 21st 49

~~Mr. J. S. Sullivan & Co. - 1850~~

## APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

To the Honorable Henry L. Daws, Frank C. Armstrong, Archibald S. McKennon, Thomas B. Calkins and Alexander B. Montgomery, United States Commissioners. Authorized by an act of Congress of June 4th 1895, to hear and determine *Claims for citizenship* in the Choctaw Nation.

Gentlemen: The undersigned, your petitioner L. R. Daws for and on behalf of Lizzie Simon and heirs; this day makes this their application to you for the purpose of being placed on the roll of Choctaw Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of land in the Choctaw Nation, by virtue of their, this, her Choctaw blood and herewith submit the

grounds of claim. The claimant is a daughter of Paddy Woods who is an elected Indian.  
Emph affidavits of J. H. Marshall and J. H. Simon here to attach

in support of said claim and respectfully await the time when Lizzie Simon application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted

L. R. Daws

Enrollment of family with relationship attached, as follows:

| Names.              | Age          | Relationship.                                         |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Lizzie Simon</u> | <u>38</u>    | <u>Obbie's out</u>                                    |
| <u>J. H. Simon</u>  | <u>48</u>    | <u>Husband of claimant</u>                            |
| <u>Neenan Simon</u> | <u>26</u>    | <u>Son of the claimant</u>                            |
| <u>Willie Simon</u> | <u>18</u>    | <u>Daughter</u>                                       |
| <u>Arthur Simon</u> | <u>14</u>    | <u>Son of J. H.</u>                                   |
| <u>David Simon</u>  | <u>9</u>     | <u>Daughter</u>                                       |
| <u>Benny Simon</u>  | <u>8</u>     | <u>" " "</u>                                          |
| <u>Chas. Simon</u>  | <u>5</u>     | <u>Son " "</u>                                        |
| <u>Wesley Simon</u> | <u>6 Mos</u> | <u>" " "</u>                                          |
| <u>Elvira Simon</u> | <u>8</u>     | <u>Orphan child adopted into the claimants family</u> |

In witness of which I here unto set my hand on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1896

Lizzie Simon  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st  
of Sept 1896 - J. C. Rink, Justice  
My Comm. expires  
Dec. 14/1898 Central Division

**End**

Gill Simpson  
#124/

Gill Simpson



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
written.

CASE No. 61

AFFIDAVIT

OF

Gill Simpson et al

*J. J. Macdonald J. J. H.*

Mack McDonald age 59  
**AFFIDAVIT.**

Tom Billy, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says:

That he resides at Tucker, State of Miss;  
that he is 58 years of age; that he knows Gill Simpson  
the claimant, and that he is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife Mary  
Husband Gill Simpson (widower)  
Claimant's Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Claimant's Father's Father Mahotechie Tubbie  
Father's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_  
Indian Great Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_

CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

|                           | SEX.     | AGE.     |           | SEX. | AGE. |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|------|------|
| 1. <u>Martine Simpson</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>4</u> | 6. _____  |      |      |
| 2. _____                  |          |          | 7. _____  |      |      |
| 3. _____                  |          |          | 8. _____  |      |      |
| 4. _____                  |          |          | 9. _____  |      |      |
| 5. _____                  |          |          | 10. _____ |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw Nation that may be made by the United States.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1896.

Mack McDonald

Tom Billy

State of Mississippi }  
County of Neshoba } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 1896,  
before me J. J. Wadsworth Justice of the Peace personally came  
Max M. Donald, and Tom Billy who speak and un-  
derstand the English Language well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

J. J. Wadsworth J. P.

CASE NO. 61

AFFIDAVIT

Gill Simpson et al

**End**



Lewis Simpson

#1236

Lewis Simpson

Singson, Lewis,  
Singson, Adeline,  
Singson, Locket,  
Singson, Johnson,  
Singson, Sin,  
Singson, John,  
Singson, Sallie

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above written.

*J. A. Maden*

CASE No. *56*

**AFFIDAVIT**

*Lewis Simpson*

# AFFIDAVIT.

Mack Mc Donald, age 59 years

Tom Billy, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says:

That he resides at Yulker, State of Miss; that he is 58 years of age; that he knows Lewis Simpson the claimant, and that he is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife Adeline Simpson  
Husband Lewis Simpson  
Claimant's Father Benjamin Simpson  
Mother Mary Simpson  
Claimant's Father's Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_  
Indian Great Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_

## CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

|                         | SEX. | AGE. |           | SEX. | AGE. |
|-------------------------|------|------|-----------|------|------|
| 1. <u>Locke Simpson</u> | M    | 7    | 6. _____  |      |      |
| 2. <u>John Simpson</u>  | M    | 5    | 7. _____  |      |      |
| 3. <u>Jim Simpson</u>   | M    | 6    | 8. _____  |      |      |
| 4. <u>John Simpson</u>  | M    | 5    | 9. _____  |      |      |
| 5. <u>Ellie Simpson</u> | F    | 2    | 10. _____ |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw Nation that may be made by the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 24th day of August, 1906.

Mack Mc Donald  
Tom Billy



State of Mississippi }  
Neshoba County } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 24th day of Dec., 1896,  
before me J. J. Madenworth Justice of the Peace personally came  
Mack McDonald and Tom Billy who speak  
and understand the English language well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

J. J. Madenworth J. P.

CASE No. 5-6

AFFIDAVIT

Lewis Simpson

**End**

Albert Slaughter  
#1210

Albert Slaughter

Slaughter, Albert.  
Slaughter, Ginnie.  
Slaughter, J. B. *J*  
Slaughter, Wm. T.,  
Slaughter, Elizabeth



# AFFIDAVIT.

Willie Farmer, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says:

That he resides at Edging Bush, State of Miss; that he is 57 years of age; that he knows Albert Slaughter the claimant, and that he is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife Yindie Ann Slaughter

Husband Albert Slaughter

Claimant's Father

Mother Vivie Slaughter

Claimant's Father's Father Farmer

Father's Mother

Mother's Father

Mother's Mother

Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather

Indian Great Grandmother

## CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

|                               | SEX.     | AGE.     |     | SEX. | AGE. |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|-----|------|------|
| 1. <u>J. B. Slaughter</u>     | <u>m</u> | <u>6</u> | 6.  |      |      |
| 2. <u>Ann Slaughter</u>       | <u>f</u> | <u>4</u> | 7.  |      |      |
| 3. <u>Elizabeth Slaughter</u> | <u>f</u> | <u>2</u> | 8.  |      |      |
| 4.                            |          |          | 9.  |      |      |
| 5.                            |          |          | 10. |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 27 day of August, 1896.

Willie Farmer  
his  
mark

State of Mississippi }  
County of Neshoba } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 22 day of August, 1896,  
before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, personally came  
Willis Farmer who speaks English and understands  
the English language well, and who is well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

G. W. Sikes J.P.

CASE No. 27  
AFFIDAVIT  
OF

**End**

William Sledge

William Sledge



Sledge, William  
Sledge, Mattie,  
Sledge, Conza

Wm Sledge  
vs  
Choctaw Nation

APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

United States of America, Indian Territory, ss.

THE HON. HENRY L. DAWES, CHAIRMAN DAWES COMMISSION, VINITA, I. T.

Your petitioner, the undersigned, being duly sworn on.....oath, respectfully states that his name is William M. Sledge age 29 years. post office address Helena I. T., and that he is entitled by blood to citizenship in the Indian Territory for the following reasons:

I am of Choctaw Indian blood, my mother was Jane Frazier who was a daughter of Thos. Frazier whose citizenship as a Choctaw was never questioned.

That my family and relationship consists of the following named persons: My wife, Mattie age 24 years, and 1 child as follows:

Gouza Sledge a boy aged 5 months

And respectfully asks to be enrolled, together with each member of his family, as a member of the Choctaw Indians in the Indian Territory.

Your petitioner states the above facts as the lawful grounds of his application for citizenship in the said Choctaw Nation, and prays that his claim may be investigated by your honorable body and that he be adjudged to be a citizen of said Choctaw Nation of Indians and entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to such citizenship in accordance with the laws and treaties made with the said Nation of Indians.

WITNESS my hand, on this 17 day of August 1896.

Witnesses:

William Sledge

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 17 day of August 1896, and I certify that the applicant is a

responsible and creditable person worthy of belief, and that I am not interested in the matter to which this

claim relates.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office on this 17 day of August 1896.

Thos M. Smart  
Notary Public

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*William Sledge*  
APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

FILED BY  
*W. I. Gilbert*  
*Duncan* Ind. Ter.

Attorneys for Applicant.



# ATTIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

STATE OF Ind. Ter  
COUNTY OF Pickens

BEFORE ME, the undersigned a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared Marriet Gordon who after being duly sworn states that she is 46 years of age and is a citizen of Pickens County and State of Ind. Ter and that she is personally acquainted with William Sledge who is affiant's half brother born having the same mother Who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said William Sledge is the identical person he represents himself to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation and the said William Sledge a son of Jane Frozier and a grandson of Thomas Frozier who was recognized by all who knew them as Choctaw Indians and whose citizenship was never doubted or questioned.

Affiant further states that she has known the said William Sledge all his life for the past years, and in all he has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintance, and in all circumstances as a person having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Wm Sledge indicate that the said William Sledge is of Indian blood. That, from the past years and circumstance, and from statements made to her by her mother & grand father affiant states she has every reason to believe that the said William Sledge is Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said William Sledge to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.  
Marriet Gordon

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, this 17 day of August, A. D., 1896, and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said William Sledge and know him to be a person of ability and of truth and veracity.  
Thos. Smoot,  
Notary Public.

My Commission expires on the 14 day of November 1898

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AFFIDAVIT OF

Harriet Gordon

Witness in claim of

William Sledge

for Citizenship in Alabama

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS**

STATE OF Ind. verCOUNTY OF Pickens

COUNTY OF Pickens  
BEFORE ME, the undersigned a Notary Public in and for the county and state  
aforesaid personally appeared M. J. Pickens who after being duly  
sworn states that she is 36 years of age and is a citizen of Pickens  
County and State of South Carolina and that she is personally acquainted with

Who is an applicant for citizenship in the United States Nation, I.T., and affiant further states that the said William Hodge is the identical person he is in said Nation, and the said

states that the said William Hodge represents himself to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation, and the said William Hodge is a Choctaw Descendant and parentage. He is a half brother, both having the same mother. His mother was Jane Frazier after first married Carroll - and after my father's (Carroll Tucker) death she married Hodge. The father of the applicant - Jane Frazier was a Choctaw and her father - John Frazier was also a Choctaw Indian whose right was owned by William Hodge has a wife Matie and three children - at five months old named Conza

Affiant further states that ~~he~~ <sup>Mr. Sledge</sup> ~~has known the said~~ <sup>all of his life</sup>  
~~for the past~~ <sup>years</sup> and knows that ~~it~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>has</sup> been recognized and treated by ~~neighbors~~  
neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person having <sup>Good</sup>  
Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said <sup>Mr. Sledge</sup>  
~~indicate that the said~~ <sup>Mr. Sledge</sup>

is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said Thomas J. [illegible], affiant states he has every reason to believe that the said [illegible] is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Indian blood.

Affiant further states that the same interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Wm. Jones to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 17th day of July, 1906, A. D., 1896, and I  
further certify that I am well acquainted with the said John A. Johnson and know him  
to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

My Commission expires on the ..... day of .....

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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E. A. Sloydon

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Sloydon, A. J.,  
Sloydon, W. B.,

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Albert H. Smith

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Albert H. Smith

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Smith, Mary E.,  
Smith, Wannie C.,  
Smith, Leona B.,  
Smith, Maria A.,  
Smith, Viola,  
Smith, George A.,  
Smith, Silvia, J,

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Application For Enrollment As  
Members Of The Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians.

To The Commission To The Five Civilized Tribes;

Your petitioners Albert H. Smith and Mary E. Smith and their minor children, Nannie C. Smith, Leona B. Smith, Maria A. Smith, Viola Smith, George A. Smith, Silvia L. Smith, respectfully represent themselves to your Honorable body.

That the aforesaid Mary E. Smith, is a one sixteenth Choctaw Indian, and that she is lawfully married to and living with her co-petitioner Albert H. Smith, and that the other petitioners above mentioned are the lawful children and minor descendants of the aforesaid Albert H. Smith and Mary E. Smith.

Your petitioners further show that the aforesaid Mary E. Smith was the lawful child and descendant of Margaret <sup>Lucas</sup> ~~Lucas~~, who was a one eighth Choctaw Indian, and who was the lawful child and descendant of Rollins Beles, who was a recognized Choctaw Indian, and that the aforesaid Mary E. Smith's father was a one fourth Choctaw Indian, and was during the year of 1863, and long prior to said time, a member of the Choctaw Nation of Indians and did at said time live among the said Indians and enjoy all the rights of a Choctaw Indian, and at said time and long prior thereto, recognized by the authorities of said Nation as a member of the said Nation of Indians.

Wherefore the petitioners pray that their names be enrolled as members of the Choctaw Nation of Indians.

Albert H. Smith

Albert H. Smith

Viola

Viola

George A.

George A.

Silvia L.

Silvia L.

Petitioners.

William Wickair

Attorneys for Petitioners.

I, Albert H. Smith, one of the above named petitioners do solemnly swear that the facts set forth in the foregoing petitions are true and I verily believe.

Albert H. Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 7th day of September, 1896

C. M. Randall

J. P.

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Albert H Smith

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Affidavit of Albert H. Smith.

My name is Albert H. Smith, my age is 38 years, my residence near Enterprise, Choctaw Nation. I was married to my wife, Mary L. Smith in 1882. Since our marriage we have had born to us the following named children, who are now living with us, to wit:-

Nessie C. Smith, age 12 years, Leona L. Smith, age 9 years, Arthur A. Smith, age 7 years, Viola Smith, age 5 years, George A. Smith, age 2 years, and Sylvia L. Smith, age 6 months. Myself and family have lived in the Choctaw Nation during the past four years.

My wife was Macey before our marriage. I became acquainted with her mother about 10 years ago. She is now dead.

According to the family history of my wife, she is a one sixteenth Choctaw Indian, and her mother, Margaret Macey was a one eighth Choctaw Indian, and her grand father, Rollin Bole S, her mother's father, was a one half Choctaw Indian, and was born and raised among the Choctaw Indians within the old Choctaw Nation east of the Mississippi River. In 1831, 1832, 1833, and the Choctaws were leaving the old nation for this country he was a grown man with a family. About the time the Choctaws were leaving that country for this country, he moved from that country to the state of Texas. He died in Garza County in the state of Texas. Before he left the old Choctaw Nation he was recognized by the Choctaw authorities as a Choctaw Indian, and enjoyed all the rights of any other Choctaw Indian.

My wife's mother showed her Indian blood considerably, in fact all the family shows the Indian blood. They all have dark coarse hair and a dark complexion. I came to the Territory with a view of establishing my wife's right as a Choctaw, but after I reached here I found that the Choctaw Council demanded more money than I was able to pay, and hence I have made no application until now.

Albert H. Smith

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Bob Lee Smith  
#1233

Bob Lee Smith



Smith, Bob Lee,  
Smith, Wm.,  
Smith, John,  
Smith, John,

# AFFIDAVIT.

*John Gundersmith age 66*

*Doctor Dickson*

Having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes

and says:

That he resides at *Kerron* State of *Miss*;  
that he is *46* years of age; that he knows *Robert Lee Smith*  
the claimant, and that he is a *Choctaw* Indian by blood; that the  
following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife *Viea Smith*  
Husband *Bob Lee Smith*  
Claimant's Father *John Gundersmith*  
Mother *Lige Gundersmith*  
Claimant's Father's Father *John*  
Father's Mother  
Mother's Father  
Mother's Mother  
Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather  
Indian Great Grandmother

## CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

| (Sub)                  | SEX.     | AGE.     |            | SEX. | AGE. |
|------------------------|----------|----------|------------|------|------|
| 1. <i>Robert Smith</i> | <i>M</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>6.</i>  |      |      |
| 2. <i>Ellen Smith</i>  | <i>F</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>7.</i>  |      |      |
| 3.                     |          |          | <i>8.</i>  |      |      |
| 4.                     |          |          | <i>9.</i>  |      |      |
| 5.                     |          |          | <i>10.</i> |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, enter (C) in parenthesis after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from  
recognized members and citizens of the *Choctaw* Nation, and as such ought  
to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the *Choctaw*  
Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the *28th* day of  
*August*, 1896.

*John Gundersmith*  
*Doctor Dickson*

State of Mississippi  
County of Newton

Be it Remembered, That on this the 11 day of August, 1896,

before me John Gungwith Esq. Deput. District, personally came

Paul Jones of Newton County, Mississippi  
Subscribed this foregoing instrument of writing well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, this day and year first above  
written.

CASE No. 53

AFFIDAVIT

**End**



Hannah Smith

Hannah Smith

Smith, Hakkah,  
Smith, Josie,  
Smith, Daniel,  
Smith, Malisse,  
Smith, Ollie,  
Smith, Mary,  
Smith, Isiah,  
Smith, Ephie,  
Smith, John,

*20th March 1836*

Emas 1836.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of March 1836.

John Smith

Witness the said John Smith, Clerk of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, at the County of Middlesex, at the City of London, on the 20th day of March 1836.

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*W. B. Keen Atty  
for Applicant.*

RECEIVED OF JOHN RILEY

Benjamin Harrison  
London England

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

To the Hon. Henry L. Daws, Frank C. Armstrong, Arcabald S. McKennel, Thomas. E. Cabaniss, and Alexander B. Montgomery. United States Commissioners to the Five Civilized Tribes:-

The undersigned applicant, Hannah Smith, for and on behalf of herself and children, make this application to you for the purpose of being placed on the roll of ~~Chickasaw~~ Choctow Freedmen.

Applicant states that she is about thirty six years of age and resides near the town of Wynnewood, Ind. Ter.; that she is a Choctow Freedwoman of African decent, was born in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory and was held as a slave by Jackson Kemp, a Choctow Indian by blood, in the Chickasaw Nation untill she was set free; that she is a daughter of John Kemp and Frances Kemp, who were both Choctow Freedmen and were held as slaves in the Chickasaw Nation by the said Jackson Kemp at the time of the treaty of Fort Smith when the Choctow Slaves were set free.

Applicant further states that she resided in the Chickasaw Nation and was held as a slave by the said Jackson Kemp at the time of the said treaty of Fort Smith and that she continued to reside in said nation from that date to the present time; and that she is the mother of eight children, that are now living and compose a part of her family, whose names and ages are as follows:

Josie Smith, age 16 years.  
Daniel Smith, age 14 years.  
Malissie Smith, age 13 years.  
Ollie Smith, age 11 years.  
Mary Smith, age 9 years.  
Izaiah Smith, age 6 years.  
Ephia Smith, age 3 years.  
John Smith, age 4 months.

Wherefore applicant prays that herself and her said children be placed on the roll as Choctow Citizens or Choctow Freedmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Indian Territory  
Southern District.

On this the 23th day of August, 1896, personally appeared before me, A. J. Potkin, a notary public in and for the Southern District of the Indian Territory, Hannah Smith, who being by me duly sworn upon her oath attates that the facts set forth in the above application are correct and true. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23th day of August 1896.

*S. J. Smith*

A. J. Potkin



AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN KEMP

Indian Territory  
Southern District.

Before me the undersigned authority on this the 1st day of August 1896 personally appeared John Kemp, who after being duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, deposes and says: My name is John Kemp my age about eighty eight years. my residence about one mile north of the town of Wynnewood, Ind. Ter.. I am a Choctaw Freedman and was held as a slave by Jackson Kemp, a ~~the~~ Choctaw Indian by blood, at the time of the treaty of Fort Smith. I know Hannah Smith, she is my daughter, she is about thirty six years of age and was held as a slave ~~by Jackson Kemp~~ in the Chickasaw Nation, Ind. Ter.. by the said Jackson at the time of the said treaty of Fort Smith, her mothers name was Francis Kemp, who was also held as a slave at the time of said treaty by the said Jackson Kemp. The said Hannah Smith has eight children that are now living with her in the Chickasaw Nation, Ind. Ter.. near the town of Wynnewood, whose names are as follows: Jessie Smith, Daniel Smith, Malissie Smith, Ollie Smith, Mary Smith, Isaiah Smith, Lphie Smith and John Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 1st day of August 1896.

*John Kemp*  
*Witness*  
*A. J. Smith*  
Notary Public in and for the  
Southern District of the  
Indian Territory.

*Smith*  
*Witness*

**End**

J. E. Smith

J. E. Smith

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Application for enrollment  
To Hon. J. L. Dawes Frank C. Armstrong  
Archibald S. McKinnon Thos. B. Cabaniss  
& Alexander B. Montgomery United States  
Commissioners authorized by act of  
Congress of June 10<sup>th</sup> 1894 to hear and  
determine claims for citizenship in  
the Choctaw Nation

Gentlemen

The undersigned your  
petitioner for and in behalf of  
J. E. Smith - this day makes  
application to you for the purpose  
of being placed on the revised  
rolls of the Choctaw Nation & of  
being allowed to share in the distribu-  
tion of fund & allotments of land  
in the Choctaw nation by virtue of  
him Choctaw blood & grounds upon  
which his claim is based are as follows  
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one quarter Indian My Mother Sallie  
Smith a daughter of Henry Box one eighth  
there myself one sixteenth Indian &  
in support of said claim your petitioner here-  
with submits the affidavits deposition  
& record evidence namely of H. & Mary  
Box respectfully awaits the  
time & place when my application  
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J. E. Smith Applicant

| Name                 | age | Relationship |
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| J. E. Smith          | 23  | Applicant    |
| State of Mississippi |     | FRAME 1      |
| Montgomery County    |     |              |

Personally appeared before me the un-  
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Notary Public in & for said State & County  
the aforesaid J. E. Smith who after being  
duly sworn state that matters & things set-  
forth in the foregoing petition are true  
as he verily believes J. E. Smith

Sworn to & Subscribed before this the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept-  
1896 J. A. Wilson J. P. & ex-officio Notary Public  
My term expires Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1896.



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J. E. Smith Henry Box was

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J. E. Smith Applicant

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Affidavit for Witnesses

On the Matter of petition & memorial of  
J. C. Smith for admission to Citizenship in  
Choctaw Nation.

State of Mississippi  
County of Montgomery

Before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace  
& ex officio Notary Public in & for said county &  
State personally appeared Mrs Mary Box  
who after being duly sworn by me she  
that she is 67 years of age & a resident  
of the State of Mississippi & County of Mont-  
gomery & that she is personally acquainted  
with J. C. Smith who is an applicant for  
Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Affiant further states that she knows  
J. C. Smith to be a grand son of Henry  
Box who claimed to be of Choctaw Indian  
blood what part I can not say I was ac-  
quainted with him & have often heard  
him speak of his Indian ancestors we was  
born in Tennessee about 1800 came from  
there to Alabama & from there to Holmes county  
Mississippi with a band of Indian in about  
1820 from there to Choctaw County Missis-  
sippi about 1830 & died in said county  
in 1867. Affiant further states that  
she has known the said J. C. Smith for the  
past 23 years & know that he has  
been & is recognized by his neighbors  
as a gentleman & the public generally as  
having Choctaw Indian blood & that the  
complexion & physical appearance of the  
said J. C. Smith indicates that he is of  
Choctaw Indian blood & descent.

Affiant further <sup>says</sup> that from the above facts  
& circumstances & from what she has  
heard & knows of the family of the said  
J. C. Smith she believes him to be a des-  
cendant by blood of the Choctaw

Mary Box

Sworn to & subscribed before me this  
Sept-7th-1896 J. P. Kilgore J. P. & ex officio Notary  
Public

My term expires A. D. 1900



Copy

Affidavit of Witness

On the matter of petition & in memorial  
of J. C. Smith for admission to citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation

State of Mississippi

Montgomery County

Before me the undersigned justice of  
the peace & ex officio Notary Public in  
& for said County & State aforesaid  
personally appeared H. N. Bramlett  
who after being duly sworn by me

stated that he is 62 years of age & a resident  
of the State of Mississippi & County of Choctaw  
& that he is personally acquainted with J.  
& C. Smith who is a applicant for citizen-  
ship in the Choctaw nation. Affiant fur-  
ther states that he knows J. C. Smith  
to be a grandson of Henry Box who  
claimed to be of Choctaw Indian blood  
what part I do not know & was person-  
ally acquainted with him & have often heard

him speak of his Indian ancestors & that  
he was proud. He was born in Tennessee  
about the year 1800 came from there through  
Alabama when was married to Virginia  
Smith with a troop of Indians to Holmes county  
Mississippi about 1826 from there to  
Choctaw County Mississippi about 1830  
& died in said county in 1867. Affiant further  
states that he has known the said J. C. Smith  
for the past 23 years & know that he has been &  
is recognized by his neighbors acquaintances  
& the public generally as having Choctaw  
Indian blood & that the complexion &  
physical appearance of the said J. C.  
Smith indicates that he is of Choctaw  
Indian blood & descent. Affiant further  
says that from the above facts & circum-  
stances & from what he has heard & known  
of the family of the said J. C. Smith he  
believes to be a descendant by blood  
of the Choctaw Indian tribe.

FRAME 1

H. N. Bramlett

Sworn to & subscribed me This Sept. 1st  
1896 J. J. Kilgore J. P. & ex officio Notary Public  
My term expires 4th 1900

282 CIRCUIT CLERK'S CERTIFICATE TO J. P. - R. & T. A. Ennis Stationery Company, Printers, 118 and 120 Olive Street, St. Louis

The State of Mississippi, )

Montgomery COUNTY, )

I, J. J. Kilgore, Clerk of the Circuit  
said County, do hereby certify that

whose genuine signature appears to the annexed certificate, is now, and was at the

personally appeared H N Bramlett who after being duly sworn by me state that he is 62 years of age & a resident of the State of Mississippi & County of Choctaw & that he is personally acquainted with J C Smith who is a applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw nation. Affiant further states that he knows J C Smith to be a grandson of Henry Box who claimed to be of Choctaw Indian blood. what part I do not know I was formerly acquainted with him & have often heard him speak of his Indian ancestors. He was born in Tennessee about the year 1800 came from there through Alabama when was married to Virginia Smith with a troop of Indian to Holmes county Mississippi about 1826 from there to Choctaw County Mississippi about 1830 & died in said county in 1863. Affiant further states that he has known the said J C Smith for the past 28 years & know that he has been & is recognized by his neighbors acquaintances & the public generally as having Choctaw Indian blood & that the complexion & physical appearance of the said J C Smith indicates that he is of Choctaw Indian blood & descent. Affiant further says that from the above facts & circumstances & from what he has heard & known of the family of the said J C Smith he believes to be a descendant by blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe.

H. N. Bramlett  
 sworn to & subscribed me This Sept 1st 1896 J. J. Kilgore J. P. & ex officio Notary Public  
 My term expires 4th 1900

282 CIRCUIT CLERK'S CERTIFICATE TO J. P. - R. & T. A. Kniss Stationery Company, Printers, 118 and 120 Olive Street, St. Louis

The State of Mississippi,  
 Montgomery COUNTY.)

I,

J. S. Carrere

Clerk of the Circuit

said County, do hereby certify that

J. J. Kilgore

whose genuine signature appears to the annexed certificate, is now, and was at the

an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for said County, duly elected, qualified and c

that his certificate is in due form, and that all his official acts are entitled to full faith

His Commission was dated August 15-1895 & expires Monday 1st July 1900  
 Given under my hand and the seal of said Co

this 8 day of April

J. S. Carrere  
 Circuit

FRAME 2



IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 1897. THE SENATE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.  
JAMES H. HARRIS, JR., PETITIONER.

J. E. Smith

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

He is the petitioner.

J. E. Smith is the petitioner.

and hereby certifies that an appeal has been taken from the judgment of the United States Court in the above entitled cause, and petition for said appeal was filed in the United States Court at South Omaha, Nebraska.

WITNESSED MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,

Wm. M. Aronson

Edward Gordon Bailey  
Its Secretary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,  
I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office.

Before first duly sworn, states upon oath that he is not interested in this cause; that he was present and saw a true copy of the above notice sent by registered mail from South Omaha to the above named petitioner at \_\_\_\_\_ Post Office, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 1897.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 1897.

Notary Public.

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE GENERAL DISTRICT OF THE  
INDIAN TERRITORY, AT SOUTH McALESTER.

J. E. Smith Plaintiff.  
vs.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

The Choctaw Nation, Defendant.

To J. E. Smith, the above named plaintiff:

You are hereby notified that an appeal has been taken from the judgment of the Dawes Commission in the above entitled cause, and petition for said appeal has been filed in the United States Court at South McAlester.

THE CHOCTAW NATION,

Wm. M. Craven

Shook Gordon Haulley  
Its Attorneys. *E*

**End**

Jefferson Smith  
#1254

Jefferson Smith



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CASE No. 75

AFFIDAVIT

OF

Jefferson Smith

In Witness Whereof, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above written.

AFFIDAVIT.

Bob Lee Smith age 31  
Doctor Dickson, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes  
and says:  
That he resides at Keenon, State of Miss;  
that he is 46 years of age; that he knows Jefferson Smith  
the claimant, and that he is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the  
following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife Willie Jane Smith  
Husband Jefferson Smith  
Claimant's Father John Gensmith  
Mother Liza Smith  
Claimant's Father's Father Davis  
Father's Mother  
Mother's Father  
Mother's Mother  
Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather  
Indian Great Grandmother

CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN. no children

|    | SEX. | AGE. |     | SEX. | AGE. |
|----|------|------|-----|------|------|
| 1. |      |      | 6.  |      |      |
| 2. |      |      | 7.  |      |      |
| 3. |      |      | 8.  |      |      |
| 4. |      |      | 9.  |      |      |
| 5. |      |      | 10. |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from  
recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought  
to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw  
Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 28th day of  
August, 1896.

his  
Bob Lee Smith  
his  
Doctor Dickson

State of Miss  
County of Newton } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 28 day of August, 1896,  
before me \_\_\_\_\_, personally came  
Bob Ru Smith & Doctor Dickson who speak  
the English Language well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal, the day and year first above  
written.

\_\_\_\_\_

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CASE No. 75

AFFIDAVIT

Jefferson Smith

**End**



Mary E. Smith

Mary E. Smith

Smith, Mary E.,  
Smith, Herman E.,  
Smith, Claud R.,

before the U.S. Laws Commission  
 for give Civilized tribes of Indians  
 in the Indian territory } application  
 Mary & Smith }  
 vs. } Enrollment  
 the Choctaw Nation respondent  
 Laws Commission sitting at  
 Vinita, Ind. Ter.

Come now our petitioner Mary E.  
 Smith acknowledges and says that she  
 is an inter-married white citizen of  
 the Choctaw Nation and a resident thereof  
 since the 10th day of May 1894. in  
 the State of Ark. County of Sebastian  
 in said state petitioner was legal-  
 ly and lawfully married to Geo. L. Smith  
 a Choctaw Indian by blood who is  
 duly enrolled upon the authenticated  
 rolls of the Choctaw Nation and  
 recognized by the authorities thereof  
 that the ceremony of said marriage  
 was performed by Rev. H. S. Poan a  
 minister of the Gospel who is now  
 living. That to the said marriage  
 there has been children born, namely,  
 Herman E. and Claud P. Smith, all  
 of whom are now living, and who  
 are entitled to enrollment on the  
 authenticated rolls of the Choctaw Nation.

FRAME 1

that the evidence of the foregoing  
is relied upon for citizenship is  
hereto attached. Marked exhibit  
"C" and are made a part thereof  
wherefore petitioner Mary E. Smith to-  
gether with her two children above  
named, pray that they be enrolled  
as citizens of said Choctaw Nation  
with all the rights, privileges and  
immunities that are given, granted  
and guaranteed to an Indian by  
said Choctaw Nation.

Mary E. Smith,

Chochoke Shullyville Co. Choctaw N.

I copy the foregoing together with  
hereto attached hereto enclosed  
and this may be forwarded by me  
to the U.S. Survey Commission.

Respectfully,  
Witness my hand.

Mary E. Smith,

Chochoke Shullyville Co. Choctaw N.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896

B. B. Woodward

Notary Pub.

FRAME 2



Exhibit "D"

To the Hon. Laws Commission

Two Civilized tribe of Indians  
We John Taylor, Bokoshe Choctaw  
Nation and W. P. Rose Cartersville Choctaw  
Nation being of lawful age and being  
duly sworn do hereby state that we are  
lineal descendants of the Choctaw tribe  
of Indians. That we are well acquaint-  
ed with Mary E. Smith of Bokoshe  
Skullyville County Choctaw Nation.  
That we know her the said Mary  
E. Smith to be and is married  
white citizen of the Choctaw Nation  
and that she together with her two  
children, Herman E. and Oland Smith  
are the persons herewith applying to  
your Hon. body for enrollment as  
members of the Choctaw tribe of Indian.  
That we know the said Mary E. Smith's  
Husband <sup>W. P. Smith</sup> and the father of the above named  
children to be a recognized and excepted  
member and lineal descendants of the  
Choctaw tribe of Indians.

John Taylor  
W. P. Rose

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896.

B. B. Houseland  
Notary Public

**End**

melissa J. Smith

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melissa J. Smith

Smith, Melissa Jane,  
Smith, Ruby DeMarcus,  
Smith, Martin Earl,  
Smith, Manton Lester,  
Smith, Guy,  
Smith, Amos Bruce.



Before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, known  
as the Dawes Commission.

2839.

Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith, et al.

vs.

Application for Choctaw Citizenship.

The Choctaw Nation.

To the Governor of the Choctaw Nation, or his Attorneys, Stuart, Gordon  
& Hailey.

Sirs:-

You will take notice that the plaintiff, Mrs. Melissa Jane  
Smith will make an application to the United States Court for the South-  
ern District of the Indian Territory for an appeal in the above entitled  
and numbered cause in accordance with the rules adopted by said Court for  
appeals in such cases.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

Barrett & Hardy,

Attorneys for Applicants.

We hereby accept due and legal service of the above notice, not waiving  
objection to jurisdiction of this Court.

(Signed) Stuart, Gordon & Hailey,

Attorneys for Defendant.

1/27/97.

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Before the Hon. C. B. Kilgore, Judge of the United States  
Court within and for the Southern District of  
the Indian Territory at Ardmore, O. T.

: Petition and application for appeal  
: from the Dawes Commission, Hon. Henry L.  
Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith, et. al.: Applicants, :  
: Dawes, Commission, to the United States  
-vs- :  
: Court of the Southern District of  
The Choctaw Nation. :  
: and Indian Territory.

To the Hon. C. B. Kilgore, Judge of said Court:-

Your petitioners Melissa Jane Smith, for herself and for Ruby  
Delmarous Smith, Martin Earl Smith, Emma Esther Smith, Guy Smith and  
Amos Bruce Smith, her children and the other parties plaintiff herein,  
respectfully represents and shows to the Court that they are all Choctaw  
Indians by blood, and that they all reside within the Chickasaw  
Nation and within the Southern District of the Indian Territory; that  
plaintiffs, under an act approved June 22nd, 1898 filed their claim for  
citizenship as Choctaw Indians by blood before said Dawes Commission  
within the time and in the manner prescribed in said act, which said  
application was numbered 859 by said Commission, and said cause coming  
on for hearing before said Commission upon the evidence of plaintiffs and  
defendant herein said Commission in their judgment denied these plain-  
tiffs the rights to citizenship within the Choctaw tribe of Indians.

Wherefore, the above premises being manifested, plaintiffs respect-  
fully ask that they be allowed an appeal from the judgment of said Com-  
mission to this Honorable Court, and that said Commission be directed by  
the Clerk of this Court, under the seal thereof, to forward to said

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Miss Jane Smith  
of  
Carter Station

~~Peter~~  
Application for  
Appeal

Ernest Hardy  
Eliza M. Bly

clerk all the papers filed with said Commission by both plaintiffs and  
defendant, together with the judgment in said cause as soon as practi-  
cable, that said cause may come on for trial before this Honorable  
Court to the end that justice may be done the plaintiffs herein and  
their rights be established as members of the Choctaw tribe of Indians  
and their names placed ~~therein~~ *in the roll*

And they will ever pray, etc.

Garrett & Hardy  
Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

I, Melissa Jane Smith, do swear that the above and foregoing is  
true and correct in every detail.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1887.

Notary Public.



Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith for herself and as mother :  
 and next friend to Ruby DeMarcus Smith, Martin Earl :  
 Smith, Manton Lester Smith, Guy Smith and Amos :  
 Bruce Smith, : Application for  
 Applicants, : Citizenship.  
 :  
 :  
 Choctaw Nation.

To the Hon. Dawes Commission to  
 the Five Civilized Tribes, at  
 Vinita, I. T.

Your applicant Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith, the wife of James  
 C. Smith, for herself and as the mother and next friend  
 to Ruby DeMarcus Smith, Martin Earl Smith, Manton Lester Smith,  
 Guy Smith and Amos Bruce Smith, her minor children, would respectfully  
 represent and show to your honorable body that she is a Choctaw Indian  
 citizen by blood and the mother of Ruby DeMarcus Smith, aged eight  
 years, Martin Earl Smith, aged six years, Manton Lester Smith, aged  
 four years, Guy Smith aged two years, Amos Bruce Smith, aged six months,  
 all males. That your applicant is twenty nine years old and resides  
 near Fox post office in Pike County, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Terr-  
 itory. That she is a one eighth Choctaw Indian woman by blood and a daugh-  
 ter of Amos Morris who was a one ~~half~~ <sup>fourth</sup> Choctaw Indian by blood; the  
 said Amos Morris was the son of William Morris, a white man and Bettie  
 Morris a half blood Choctaw Indian woman. The said Bettie Morris was  
 the daughter of Chas. Morris a white man and Bettie Morris, who was a  
 half blood Choctaw Indian woman. The said Bettie Morris was the daugh-  
 ter of Geo. Tolson and his wife \_\_\_\_\_ Tolson who were full blood Choctaw  
 Indians.

Your applicant states that she is a great grand daughter of Bettie  
 Morris, whose maiden name was Bettie Tolson, a full blood Indian woman

and a grand daughter of the said Bettie Morris, whose maiden name was also Morris, a full blood Choctaw Indian woman, and the daughter of Arnes Morris, who was a quarter blood Choctaw Indian.

The premises considered, your applicant says that she and her said minor children are entitled to be enrolled as members of the Choctaw Indian tribe, citizens of the Choctaw Nation and are entitled to all of the privileges and benefits incident thereto.

Therefore she prays that upon a hearing hereof she and her said children be duly enrolled as members of the Choctaw tribe of Indians, citizens of the Choctaw Nation and she will ever pray, etc.

Garratt and Lacy  
Attorneys for Applicant.

Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith being first duly sworn on her oath deposes and says that she is the applicant in the above and foregoing application for Choctaw citizenship and that she has read the same and that the matters and statements therein contained are true and correct.

Melissa Jane Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th. day of August, A. D. 1893.

Samuel Lacy  
Notary Public.

(Seal)

Indian Territory, :  
Pickens County, :  
Chickasaw Nation, :

Affidavit.

*John C. Tucker*

In the matter of the application of Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith and her children for citizenship as Choctaw Indians.

On this day before me the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the Southern District of the Indian Territory so legally appeared John C. Tucker, the being by the first duly sworn and he states as follows:

My name is John C. Tucker, I am fifty years old. I am personally and well acquainted with the applicant Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith. Her father was a half brother of mine. His name was Amos Morris. He was the son of Bettie William Morris, a white man and Bettie Morris, a one half blood Choctaw Indian woman. The said William Morris died and the said Bettie Morris then married the said J. C. Tucker, who was my father. The said Bettie Morris, afterwards Bettie Tucker, the mother of the said Amos Morris and also my mother, was the daughter of John Morris, a white man and Bettie Morris, whose maiden name was Tolson. She was the daughter of Geo. Tolson and his wife \_\_\_\_\_ Tolson, who were full blood Choctaw Indians. The said Amos Morris has been dead about fourteen years. I have known the applicant Melissa Jane Smith all her life and partly raised her and know her to be the daughter of the said Amos Morris. The said Amos Morris was born and raised in Shelbyville County, Choctaw Nation and was educated at the Choctaw Indian schools at Ft. Coffee. He and I attended school together as Choctaw Indian boys and he was always regarded and recognized as a Choctaw Indian and wanted all the privileges as such by the Choctaw Indian government.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of August, 1900.

(Seal)

*John C. Tucker*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*James H. Hardy*  
Notary Public

Indian Territory, :  
Chickasaw Nation, : Affidavit, of Mundy Williams.  
Pickens County, :

In the matter of the application of Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith and her children for citizenship as Choctaw Indians.

On this day personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the Southern District of the Indian Territory Mundy Williams who being first duly sworn on his oath states as follows:

My name is Mundy Williams I am about ninety two years old. I reside at Homer on Old Horse Creek in Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory and have lived there ever since about one year after the war of the rebellion. I was born and raised among the Chickasaw Indians in the old Chickasaw Nation about thirty miles west of Pontotoc in the state of Mississippi. I sometimes acted as interpreter between the Indians and the white people and particularly at Stone Hill in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, while they were ~~was~~ issuing out rations to the Indians a good while before the war. At the time the Indians emigrated or were removed to this country from Mississippi I was a slave and belonged to Ben Love, who was part Choctaw and part Chickasaw Indian and part white, and who was a member of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians. I was hired by him to Col. Upshaw to drive a team to help move the Indians to this country. I hauled several loads to Memphis, Tenn. I would haul one load to the river, empty them out there and go back and get another load. About two years after the Indians removed to this country from Mississippi my master Ben Love also moved to the Indian Territory and brought me with him.

While in Mississippi among the Indians I was well acquainted with the Folsom family, a family of Indians and was well acquainted with George Folsom who was a full blood Choctaw Indian, and was also acquainted with his daughter Bettie Folsom, who married a white man by the name of Chas Morris, and who emigrated to this country with the rest



of the choctaw tribe of indians, and settled in the Choctaw Nation about  
Shullyville. After this I knew but little about the family as I lived  
for a long time down near the mouth of the Washita river in the Chicka-  
saw Nation.

I am in no manner whatsoever interested in the result of the  
application of John G. Burkes for citizenship as a choctaw indian.

his  
(signed) Hundy X Williams.  
mark.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 20th. day of August,  
A. D. 1886.

(L.S.)

Jos. A. Edwards,  
Notary Public.

Indian Territory, :  
PICKENS COUNTY, : Affidavit of Lewis Davis,  
Chickasaw Nation, :

In the matter of the application of Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith and  
her children for citizenship as Choctaw Indians.

On this day before me the undersigned, a notary public within  
and for the Southern District of the Indian Territory personally appear-  
ed Lewis Davis who being first duly sworn on his oath states as follows

My name is Lewis Davis, I am sixty three years old. I live near  
Tadland post office, Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation Indian Territory.  
I was born and raised in the Choctaw Nation. Was raised principally near  
Hollyville in the Choctaw Nation. My mother was a slave and belonged  
to the Tolson family of Choctaw Indians. I was born while she belonged  
to the said family. I was personally acquainted with and well knew Mrs  
Jettie Burkes in her life time. She was the daughter of Chas. Morris  
and the granddaughter of Geo. Tolson, a full blood Choctaw Indian. The  
said Mrs. Burkes first married a man named William Morris and by him had  
one son whose name was Amos Morris. William Morris died and she after-  
wards married Jim Burkes, a white man. Her mother was a full blood choo-  
taw Indian. Amos Morris, the son of Mrs. Burkes by her first husband was  
a wagon master under Gen. Cooper during the late war, but I have not  
known him since.

I have no interest whatever in the result of the application of  
Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith and her children for citizenship as Choctaw  
citizens.

his  
(Signed) Lewis X Davis.  
mark.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st. day of August, A. D.

1908.

(L.S.)

Summers Hardy,

Notary Public.

Indian Territory, :  
Chickasaw Nation, : Affidavit of J. H. Dunn.  
Pickens County, :

Be the matter of the application of Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith and  
her children for citizenship as Choctaw Indians.

On this day, before me, the undersigned authority, a ~~notary public~~  
personally appeared Mr. J. H. Dunn who being first duly sworn on his  
oath stated as follows:

My name is J. H. Dunn, I live at Fox, Pickens County, Chickasaw  
Nation, Indian Territory. I was acquainted with Mrs. Bettie Burkes, who  
was formerly Mrs. Bettie Morris and the widow of Chas. Morris. I first  
knew her in Shullyville County, Choctaw Nation Indian Territory in  
the year 1888. I was well and personally acquainted with her and three  
of her sons, to-wit: Amos Morris, John C. Burkes and William A. Burkes.  
The said Mrs. Bettie Burkes was known and recognized by the Choctaw  
tribes as a Choctaw Indian by blood. I know of my own knowledge that  
~~Amos Morris~~ <sup>Amos Morris</sup>, Amos Morris and John C. Burkes attended the Indian  
schools at Ft. Coffee in the Choctaw Nation as such Choctaw Indians and  
that her son William A. Burkes has served for many years on the Choctaw  
Indian police force as a Choctaw Indian citizen, and I know further  
that the said Mrs. Bettie Burkes and her family always claimed to be  
related to the Tolson family of Choctaw Indians and that the said Tol-  
son family also claimed to be related to the said Mrs. Burkes' family,  
but I never knew exactly what the relation between them was. The said  
Mrs. Bettie Burkes said sons Amos Morris and John C. Burkes and William  
A. Burkes were all known and recognized as Choctaw Indian citizens.

I am in no way related to the said Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith or any  
of her family and have no interest whatever in the result of her said  
application for Choctaw citizenship.

(Signed) J. H. Dunn.

~~Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th. day of August, 1896.~~

(S. H.)

Summers Hardy,  
Notary Public.

*Southern District of Texas*

Indian Territory, :  
Chickasaw Nation, : Affidavit of Wm. Nugent.  
Pickens County, :

In the matter of the application of Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith and  
her children for citizenship as Choctaw Indians.

On this day, before me the undersigned, a notary public within and  
for the Southern District of the Indian Territory personally appeared  
William Nugent, who being first duly sworn on his oath states as follows

My name is William Nugent, I reside at Mill Creek post office,  
in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory. I was well and personally  
acquainted with Amos Morris in his life time and was also well and per-  
sonally acquainted with his mother Mrs. Bettie Burkes, the widow of  
Jim Burkes, who was formerly the wife of Chas. Morris, the father of  
Amos Morris. The said Amos Morris and his mother were known and recog-  
nized as Choctaw Indians by blood and they claimed to be Choctaw Indians  
and I am well and personally acquainted with the applicant Mrs. Melissa  
Jane Smith and have known her all her life and know her to be the daugh-  
ter of the said Amos Morris and the granddaughter of the said Bettie  
Burkes. The said Mrs. Smith now resides near Fox post office in Pickens  
County, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory. The said Amos Morris married  
Elizabeth Nugent, who was a sister of mine and who was the mother of  
the said Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith. The said Amos Morris and his said  
wife are both dead (Signed) W. N. Nugent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 21st. day of August,  
A. D. 1896.

(L.S.)

Summers Hardy,

Notary Public.



Indian Territory, :  
Chickasaw Nation, : Affidavit of Isaac Williams.  
Pickens County, :

In the matter of the application of Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith and  
her five children for citizenship as Choctaw Indians.

On this personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a notary  
public within and for the Southern District of the Indian Territory  
Isaac Williams, who being first duly sworn on his oath states as follows

My name is Isaac Williams. I was ninety three years old last Chris-  
mas day. I reside six miles south west from Woodford in Pickens County,  
Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory. I was born and raised in the old  
Chickasaw Nation in Mississippi fifteen miles south from Pontotoc. I  
was raised with the Chickasaw Indians and have lived with them all my  
life. I acted as interpreter between the white people and the Indians at  
Pontotoc during the time of the Indian land sales when the Indians were  
making preparations to emigrate to this country. After that I was  
employed by Col. Upshaw, the Indian agent as interpreter while they  
were emigrating from Mississippi to this country. I first settled at  
Boggy Depot in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory and lived there  
for three years and acted as interpreter for Col. Gay while he was gi-  
ving out rations to the Indians. I then moved from there to Hue and  
went to Farmington. I lived there for twenty years then moved from there  
to Ardmore, where I remained until during the war, when I moved into  
the neighborhood of Woodford, in which neighborhood I have lived ever  
since.

I was acquainted with the Indian family named Tolson. I knew Geo.  
Tolson, a full blooded Choctaw Indian in Mississippi since about ten  
years before the Indians emigrated to this country. I knew George Tol-  
son's children. He had a daughter named Betti Tolson, who married a  
white man by the name of Chas Morris before the Indians emigrated to  
this country. The said Chas Morris and his wife Bettie emigrated to

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this country with the Indians. They came to Skullyville and stopped. Chas Morris died at Skullyville at the Choctaw Agency, leaving his wife and five children, one of which was named Bettie Morris, who married a white man by the name of William Morris. She had one child by William Morris named Ales Morris, who was born about the year 1840 at Skullyville in the Choctaw Nation and was raised up there and was known as and recognized as a Choctaw Indian and as such drew his annuity. I knew the said Ales Morris up to and during the war between the states. During said war he acted as wagon master under Gen. Cooper. Since then I have known nothing of him.

I have no interest whatever in the result of the application of the said Mrs. Melissa Jane Smith for citizenship.

his  
(Signed) Isaac K Williams.  
Mark.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23rd. day of August,  
A. D. 1890.

(L.S.)

Jos. A. Edwards,  
Notary Public.

Indian Territory, :  
Chickasaw Nation, : Affidavit of Mrs. Susan C. Mallone.  
Pickens County, :

In the matter of the application of Mrs. Melicna Jane Smith and her children for citizenship as Choctaw Indians.

C. This day before me the undersigned authority personally appeared Mrs. Susan C. Mallone who being first duly sworn on her oath states as follows: .

My name is Susan C. Mallone. I was 54 years of age last February. My home is near Alledo post office in Parker County, Texas. I am temporarily at my sons' W. L. Thomas near Mill Creek post office in Tishomingo county, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory. I was well and personally acquainted with Mrs. Bettie Dukes, the widow of Jim Dukes and formerly the wife of Amos Morris and the mother of Amos Martin, during her life time, and was also well and personally acquainted with her son Amos Morris in his life time. She said Mrs. Bettie Dukes and my mother were sisters. Their maiden name was Morris. I was taught by my family that Aunt Bettie Dukes, whose maiden name was Morris first married a man by the name of Morris, and that he died and she afterwards married Jim Dukes. Her first husband died long before I could remember and she had married Uncle Jim Dukes, whom I have seen and remember. Aunt Bettie Dukes was a Choctaw Indian by blood, understood and spoke the Choctaw language, and her mother's maiden name was Folsom. Amos Morris was the son of Aunt Bettie Dukes by her first husband. Mrs. Melicna Jane Smith is a daughter of the said Amos Morris and I have known her ever since she was a small child. She is now the wife of James C. Smith and resides near Fox post office in Pickens County, Indian Territory. She has five children, all boys, whose names and ages are as follows- Ruby Dellarcus, aged eight years, Martin Earl, aged six years, Hanton Lester, aged four years, Guy, aged two years, and Amos Bruce aged six months, all the fruits of the marriage between her and her said

husband, James C. Smith.

(Signed) Susan C. Mallone.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 1st day of August,  
A. D. 1888.

(L.S)

Sumner Hardy,

Notary Public,

South ern District,

Indian Territory



no. -

Thos. McKim Jones  
March 18 18

Charles H. Haines

Application and  
evidence, for  
charter citizenship  
by state

(Copy)

Garrett Hardy  
atty for applicants

**End**

Sallie Smith

Sallie Smith

Smith, Sallie,

Smith, J. E.,

Smith, Geo.,

Smith, William (see appli-  
cation in his own behalf)



FRAME 1

Affidavit of Witness

On the Matter of Petition in Memorial of  
Lallie Smith for admission to Citizenship  
in Choctaw nation

State of Mississippi  
County of Montgomery

Before me the undersigned a Justice of the  
peace & ex-officio Notary Public in & for said  
County & State personally appeared Mary  
Box who after being duly sworn by me State  
that she is 64 years of age & a resident of  
the State of Mississippi & County of Mont-  
gomery & that she is personally acquaint-  
ed with Lallie Smith who is an Applicant  
for Citizenship in the Choctaw nation

Affiant further states that she knows  
Lallie Smith to be a daughter of Henry  
Box who claimed to be of Choctaw Indian  
blood what part I cannot say was ac-  
quainted with him he was my husband  
Father & have often heard him speak  
of his Indian ancestors He was born in  
Tennessee in about the year 1800 came  
from there to Alabama from there to  
Holmes County - Mississippi with a band  
of Indians about 1820 from there to M.

of  
-ham county - Mississippi about 1880  
& died in 1867. Affiant further states  
said Pallie Smith for the past 55 years  
& know that she has been & is recognized  
by her neighbor & acquaintances & the Public  
generally as having Choctaw Indian  
blood & that her complexion & physical  
appearance of Pallie Smith indicates  
that she is of Choctaw Indian blood  
& descent. Affiant further says that  
from the above facts & circumstances  
& from what she has heard & knows  
of the family of the said Pallie Smith  
she believes her to be a descendant of  
the Choctaw Indian tribe.

(Mary Box)

Sworn to & subscribed before me this  
Sept. 1st 1896 J. J. Kilgore J. P. ex officio  
Notary Public

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FRAME 2

### Affidavit of Wilmore

On The Matter of the petition & in Memorial  
of Sallie Smith for admission to Citizenship  
in the Choctaw nation

State of Mississippi  
County of Montgomery

Before me the undersigned a Justice of  
the peace & ex-officio Notary Public in & for  
said State & County personally appeared  
W. H. Bramlett who after being duly sworn  
by me State that he is 62 years of age  
a resident of the State of Mississippi  
& the County of Choctaw & that he is per-  
sonally acquainted with Sallie Smith  
who is an applicant for Citizenship in  
the Choctaw nation. Affiant further  
states that he knows Sallie Smith  
to be a daughter of Henry Box who  
claimed to be of Choctaw Indian blood  
what part I do not know I was person-  
ally acquainted with him & have often  
heard him speak of his Indian ancestors of  
whom he was proud he was in  
Tennessee about the year 1800 came  
from there through Alabama (where  
he was married to Virginia Smith)  
with a troupe of Indians to Holmes  
County Mississippi about 1826 from  
thence he moved to Choctaw County

FRAME 1



Mississippi about the year 1830 & died  
in said County in 1867. Affiant further  
states that he has known the said  
Sallie Smith for the past 30 years &  
knows that she has been & is recognized  
by her neighbors & acquaintances & the public  
generally as having Choctaw Indian  
blood & the complexion & physical ap-  
pearance of the said Sallie Smith in-  
dicates that she is of Choctaw Indian  
blood & descent. Affiant further says  
from the above facts & circumstances  
& from what he has heard & knows  
of the family of the said Sallie Smith  
he believes to be a descendant by blood  
of the Choctaw Indian ~~tribe~~.

J. P. B. Bramlett

Sworn to & subscribed before me this Sep-  
1st, 1896 J. H. Kilgore J. P. & ex officio Notary Public

My term expires Jan 1st 1900

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FRAME 2



## FRAME 1

Application For Enrollment  
To The Hon Henry L Darrow Frank C Armstrong  
Archibald R McKinnon Chas B Cabanis  
& Alexander B Montgomery United States  
Commissioners authorized by act of con-  
gress of June the 10<sup>th</sup> 1896 to hear & deter-  
mine claims to Citizenship in the Cho-  
ctaw Nation

Gentlemen

The undersigned your petition-  
er for & in behalf of Dallis Smith & her  
children this day makes application to  
you for the purpose of being placed on  
the mixed roll of the Choctaw Indian  
& of share allowed share in the distri-  
bution of funds & allotments of lands  
in the Choctaw nation by virtue of  
their Choctaw blood & grounds upon  
which her claims is based are as fol-  
low to wit: My Father Henry Box was  
one quarter Indian therefore myself one  
eighth Indian & in support of said  
claims your petitioner herewith submits  
the affidavit deposition & record evidence  
namely of W H Bramlett & Mary Box &  
respectfully awaits the time & place  
when my application shall be heard &  
tried respectfully Submitted Dallis Smith

| Name          | Age | Relationship | Applicant |
|---------------|-----|--------------|-----------|
| Lollie Smith  | 84  |              | Applicant |
| William Smith | 37  | Son          |           |
| J. E. Smith   | 23  | Son          |           |
| Geo Smith     | 14  | Son          |           |

State of Mississippi  
County of Montgomery }

Personally appeared before me the under-  
signed a justice of the peace & ex-officio  
Notary Public within & for the said State  
& County the aforesaid who after being  
duly sworn that the matters & things  
set forth in the foregoing petition are  
true as he verily believes

Lollie Smith

Subscribed & sworn to before me this  
Sept. 1st, 1896 J. J. Wilgore J. P. & ex-officio  
Notary Public  
My term expires Jan. 1st, 1900

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The State of Mississippi,  
*Montgomery* COUNTY.)

I, *J. S. Hammon* Clerk of the Circuit Co

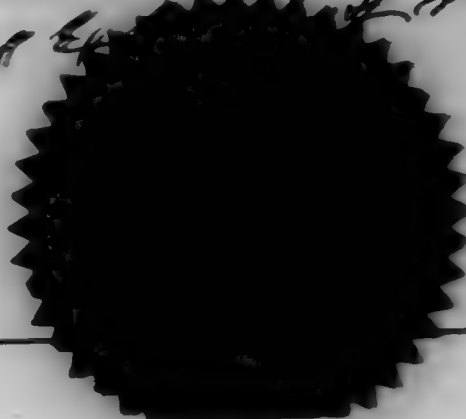
and County, do hereby certify that *J. G. Wilgore*

whose genuine signature appears to the annexed certificate, is now, and was at the date

an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for said County, duly elected, qualified and comm

that this certificate is in due form, and that all his official acts are entitled to full faith an

*Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this 8 day of September 1889*



this 8 day of *September*  
*J. S. Hammon*  
*Circuit*

FRAME 3

The State of Mississippi,

*Montgomery* COUNTY.I, *J. S. Hammon*

Clerk of the Circuit Court of

said County, do hereby certify that *J. G. Wilgore*

whose genuine signature appears to the annexed certificate, is now, and was at the date thereof,

an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for said County, duly elected, qualified and commissioned,

that his certificate is in due form, and that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit.

*His commission was dated November 15/1895 & expires January 14/1900*  
Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office,  
*Chris E. [illegible]*this 8 day of *September* 1896*J. S. Hammon*  
*in [illegible]* CLERK.

FRAME 3



**End**

Tom Smith  
#1193

Tom Smith

Smith, Tom,

Smith, Eunice, *Emma(?)*

Smith, Willie,

Smith, Mike,

Smith, Robinson,

CASE No 11

**AFFIDAVIT**

Tom Smith



# AFFIDAVIT.

John Frenchman, having been duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says:

That he resides at Garlandville State of Miss. that he is 53 years of age; that he knows Tom Smith the claimant, and that he is a Choctaw Indian by blood; that the following is his family, and the lineage of the father and mother, as shown by the tree below:

Claimant's Wife Emma Smith  
Husband Tom Smith  
Claimant's Father Tom Smith  
Mother Okla Smith  
Claimant's Father's Father  
Father's Mother  
Mother's Father  
Mother's Mother  
Claimant's Indian Great Grandfather  
Indian Great Grandmother

## CLAIMANT'S CHILDREN.

|                          | SEX.     | AGE.      |     | SEX. | AGE. |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|-----|------|------|
| 1. <u>Mike Smith</u>     | <u>m</u> | <u>16</u> | 6.  |      |      |
| 2. <u>Mike Smith</u>     | <u>"</u> | <u>7</u>  | 7.  |      |      |
| 3. <u>Robinson Smith</u> |          | <u>6</u>  | 8.  |      |      |
| 4.                       |          |           | 9.  |      |      |
| 5.                       |          |           | 10. |      |      |

Where the party is of Choctaw or Chickasaw blood, a star (\*) is put after the name of such party.

That the party aforesaid, and his family, are descended directly, and without question, from recognized members and citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and as such ought to be entitled to participate in any distribution of lands or monies of the Choctaw Nation that may be made by the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 10th day of August, 1896.

John Frenchman

State of Miss }  
Jasper County } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 20 day of August 1880  
before me A. J. Lycock, H. personally came  
John Ketchum

well known to me to be the  
identical person claimed to be, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing,  
who having been duly sworn to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, declared  
the same to be the truth, and signed the same in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto attach my hand and official seal. the day and year first above  
written.

A. J. Lycock Justice of the Peace

**End**

William Smith  
#1358

William Smith



Smith, William,

Smith, B. G.,

Smith, W. G.,

Smith, W. V.,

Smith, Sallie,

Smith, G. R.,

## FRAME 1

Application for Enrollment -  
To The Hon Henry L Daws Frank C  
Armstrong Archibald A McKinnon Thos  
B Cabaniss & Alexander B Montgomery  
United States Commissioners authorized by  
Act of Congress of June the 10th 1896 to hear  
& determine claims to Citizenship in the  
Choctaw Nation  
Guthrie

The undersigned your petitioner  
or for & in behalf of William Smith & his chil-  
dren this day makes application to you  
for the purpose of being placed on the  
revised rolls of the Choctaw Indian &  
of those allowed in distribution of funds  
& allotments of lands in the Choctaw  
Nation by virtue of their Choctaw blood  
& grounds upon which his claims are  
based are as follows to wit: My grand  
Father Henry Box was a quarter Indian  
My Father Smith a daughter of Henry  
Box one eighth & myself one sixteenth  
Indian & in support of said claim your  
petitioner herewith submits the affda-  
-vit deposition & record evidence namely  
of W H Bramlett & Mary Box awaits the  
time & place when my application  
shall be heard & tried Respectfully submits

William Smith

Applicant-

| Name          | Age | Relationship |
|---------------|-----|--------------|
| William Smith | 37  | Applicant    |
| B. G. Smith   | 9   | Son          |
| W. G. Smith & | 7   | Son          |
| W. V. Smith   | 7   | Twins        |
| Callie Smith  | 5   | Daughter     |
| E. R. Smith   | 1   | Son          |

State of Mississippi  
Montgomery County

Before me personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace & ex officio Notary Public in & for said State & County the said William Smith who after being duly sworn by me states that the matter & things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he truly believes William Smith Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 1st of Sept 1896 J. J. Wilson J. P. & ex officio Notary Public

My term expires Jan 1st 1908

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FRAME 1

*Affidavit of Wilbur*

In the Matter of petition & in Memorial  
of William Smith for admission to  
Citizenship in the Choctaw nation  
State of Mississippi  
County of Montgomery }

Before me the undersigned Justice of  
the peace & ex officio Notary Public in &  
for said County & State personally appeared  
H H Bramlett who after being duly sworn  
by me states that he is 62 years old  
is resident of the State of Mississippi  
& County of Choctaw & that he is person-  
ally acquainted with William Smith  
who is an applicant for citizenship in  
the Choctaw nation. Affiant further  
states that he knows William Smith  
to be a grandson of Henry Box who claimed  
to be of Choctaw Indian blood when-  
present - I do not know I was personally  
acquainted with him & have often  
heard him speak of his Indian ances-  
tors of whom he was proud that he was  
born in Tennessee about the year 1800  
came from there through Alabama  
with a troupe of Indian to Holmes  
County Mississippi from there to  
Choctaw County Mississippi about the



year 1830 & died in said County in 1867  
Affiant further states that he has  
known the said William Smith for the  
past 37 years & knows that he has been  
& is recognized by his neighbors acquaint-  
ances & public generally as having Choctaw  
Indian blood & that the complexion & phys-  
ical appearance of the said William  
Smith indicates that he is of Choctaw  
Indian blood & descent. Affiant further  
says from the above facts & circumstances  
& from what he has heard & know of  
the family of the said William Smith  
he believes him to be a descendant by  
blood of the Choctaw Indian tribe.

W. H. Bramlett

Subscribed & sworn to before me this  
24th day of 1896 J. H. Wilson J. H. & ex officio  
Notary Public  
My term expires A. D. 1900

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FRAME 2

## FRAME 1

### Affidavit of Wilmer

On the Matter of petition & in memorial of  
William Smith for admission to citizen-  
ship in the Choctaw nation

State of Mississippi }

County of Montgomery }

Before me the undersigned a justice  
of the peace & ex-officio Notary Public in  
& for said County & State personally  
appeared Mary Box who after being  
duly sworn by me states that she is  
67 years of age & a resident of the State  
of Mississippi & the County of Montgomery  
& that she is personally acquainted with  
William Smith who is an applicant for  
Citizenship in the Choctaw nation

Affiant further states that she knows  
William Smith to be a grand son of  
Henry Box who claimed to be of  
Choctaw Indian blood what part  
I can not say I was acquainted  
with him he was my husband's  
father & have often heard him  
speak of his Indian ancestors  
He was born in Tennessee about  
1800 came <sup>that</sup> to Alabama from  
then to Holmes County Mississippi  
with a band of Indian in about 1826

from there to Choctaw county Miss  
issippi about 1830 & died in said County  
in 1867. Affiant further states that  
she has known the said William  
Smith for the past 37 years & knows  
that he has been & is recognized by  
his neighbors acquaintances & the  
public generally as having Choctaw  
Indian blood & that his complexion  
& physical appearance of the said William  
Smith indicates that he is of Choctaw  
Indian blood & descent. Affiant fur-  
ther says that from the above facts  
& circumstances & from what she has  
heard & know of the family of the  
said William Smith she believes him  
to be a descendant by blood of the Cho-  
ctaw Indian tribe.

Mary Box  
sworn to & subscribed before me  
This Sept 1st 1896. J. J. Hilgore J. P. & ex officio  
Notary Public

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FRAME 2



The State of Mississippi,

*Montgomery* COUNTY.

I, *J. S. Cammer*

Clerk of the Circuit

said County, do hereby certify that

*J. J. Kilgore*

whose genuine signature appears on the annexed certificate, is now, and was at the date

an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for said County, duly elected, qualified and comm

that his certificate is in due form, and that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and

*His Commission expires on date of September 15 1895*  
*Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, 1*

this *8* day of *September*

*J. S. Cammer*  
Circuit Ct.



FRAME 3



**End**

Sam Snider

Sam Snider

- Bennight James J.
- Bennight Susan S.
- Bennight Richard S.
- Bennight Annie
- Bennight Luther
- Bennight Winn
- Bennight Dora
- Bennight Jeff
- Bennight Jesse D.
- Bennight Linnie
- Bennight Millard
- Bennight Evy G.
- Brogdon James M.
- Brogdon Sarah
- Brogdon Wesley H.
- Brogdon Jodie J.
- Brogdon Minerva *Alaminta*,
- Brogdon Riley
- Vandagriff William
- Vandagriff Hazy Ann F.
- Vandagriff Mandy I.
- Vandagriff James M.
- Vandagriff William P.
- Vandagriff Emma L.
- Vandagriff Annie C.
- Vandagriff Divie D.
- McLarty Harvey E.
- McLarty Sarah
- McLarty Elton E.
- McLarty Burr
- Snider Sam -et-al
- Snider Rosa

Before The Honorable Commission  
To The Five Civilized Tribes.

In the matter of the petitions of James J. Bennight and wife, Richard S. Bennight and family, Jesse D. Bennight and family, James M. Brogdon and family, William Vandagriff and family, Harvey E. McLarty and family, and Sam Snider and wife, for enrollment as members of the Choctaw Nation of Indians.

*Motion to  
Consolidate*

Come James J. Bennight and his wife Susan S., and Richard S. Bennight, his wife Annie, and their children Luther, Winn, and Dora Jeff Bennight, and Jesse D. Bennight, his wife Linnie, and their children Mildred and Ivy G. Bennight, and James M. Brogdon, his wife Smith and their children Wesley H., Jodie, Manerva, and Riley Brogdon, and William Vandagriff, his wife Mazy Ann F., and their children Mandy L., James M., William P., Emma L., Annie C., and Dovie D., Vandagriff, and Harvey E. McLarty and his wife Sarah, and their children Elton E., and Burr McLarty, and Sam Snider and his wife Rosa Snider, by their attorneys Wilkinson and Wilkinson, and respectfully represent and show to Your Honorable Body,

That they are the descendants of Rebecca Williams nee Moshulatubee, as shown by the petition of the different families filed herein, and that the proof filed in support of each, tends to prove the allegations of each petition.

Wherefore the premises considered, your petitioners move that the petitions filed by the different families above mentioned, be consolidated, and that the evidence filed with each petition, be considered as the evidence in the consolidated case.

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Attorneys for Petitioners.



1. 1. The first part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the  
 2. 2. various methods of determining the critical temperature of a  
 3. 3. substance, and the results of these determinations are compared  
 4. 4. with the values obtained from the equation of state of the  
 5. 5. substance.

*[Faint, illegible text]*

to the Commission, to the 14th of June, 1944.

1. The following information was obtained from the records of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, regarding the land owned by the United States in the State of Nevada:

That the Secretary of the Board of Education, New York City, is hereby authorized to execute the same.

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1. The following information is of the above mentioned person:

James B. Bingham

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Seaf } Witnesses in support of the  
Petition  
Susan S. Burnight  
Richard S. Burnight  
Olave Hubbard  
Elizabeth Hubbard  
Bill Butler  
Albert Conway

Affidavit of Mrs. Susan Bell

My name is Susan Bell, my husband is George Bell, and we are  
residing in the County of Adams, State of Kansas, and we have  
the following children, who are now living with us:

1. George Bell, age 10, born [illegible]  
2. [illegible] Bell, age 8, born [illegible]  
3. [illegible] Bell, age 6, born [illegible]  
4. [illegible] Bell, age 4, born [illegible]  
5. [illegible] Bell, age 2, born [illegible]

My husband and I have no other children, and we have no  
other children living with us, and we have no other children  
living with us, and we have no other children living with us.

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Dear Mr. H. V.

12th Nov

John  
The J. H. H.

Application for Enrollment as Members of  
The Choctaw Tribe- or Nation of Indians

To the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes:

Your petitioners William Vandagriff and his wife Hazyah M. Vandagriff in their own behalf, and Mary I. Vandagriff, James M. Vandagriff, William P. Vandagriff, Lela L. Vandagriff, Annie C. Vandagriff and Dovie D. Vandagriff, the infant children of the aforesaid William Vandagriff and Hazyah M. Vandagriff, by their next friend and father, William Vandagriff, respectfully represent and show to your Honorable Body,

That the aforesaid William M. Vandagriff is a three sixteenth Choctaw Indian, and that she is married to and living with her co-petitioner, William Vandagriff, and that all the other petitioners above mentioned are lawful children and minor descendants of the aforesaid William Vandagriff and Hazyah Vandagriff.

Your petitioners further show that the aforesaid Hazyah Vandagriff was the lawful child and descendant of Isabell Cogbill, who was a three eighth Choctaw Indian, and who was the lawful child and descendant of Rebecca Williams, who was a three fourth Choctaw Indian, and who was during the year of 1804 and long prior to said time a member of the said Choctaw Nation of Indians, and did at said time live with the said Indians and enjoy all the rights of a Choctaw Indian and was at said time and long prior thereto recognized by the authorities of the said nation as a member of the said Choctaw Nation of Indians.

Wherefore the premises considered, your petitioners pray that their names be enrolled as members of the Choctaw Nation of Indians.

William Vandagriff  
Mary I. Vandagriff  
James M. Vandagriff  
William P. Vandagriff  
Lela L. Vandagriff  
Annie C. Vandagriff  
Dovie D. Vandagriff

William Vandagriff  
James M. Vandagriff  
William P. Vandagriff  
Lela L. Vandagriff  
Annie C. Vandagriff  
Dovie D. Vandagriff  
Petitioners.  
H. C. Williams  
Attorneys for petitioners.

I, Hazyah M. Vandagriff, one of the above named petitioners do solemnly swear that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true as I verily believe.

William Vandagriff  
Mary I. Vandagriff

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this -- day of September, 1896.

Proctor

Wm. C. Williams  
Attorney



Admission of Mrs. HAZARD to the Village.

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Before my marriage, I was a Cornell, my mother's name was  
 Ireland Cornell, and William. My father was born to her and follow-  
 ing children: Daniel S. ~~my father~~ Daniel S. Cornell,  
 John W. Cornell, and ..... Daniel S. Cornell and his  
 children, they were, Robert, married to William Van Hook, James S.  
 Van Hook, and a wife, Robert, first married to William Cornell,  
 George W. Van Hook, married to Thomas Bottom, and ..... to James Child;  
 and ..... married to Alexander Smith, and ..... to  
 James H. Brown.

1. Sister Susan S. McLaughlin was not the same person as the one who was the sister of a brother-in-law of the late John J. McLaughlin, the informant. The informant is the wife of the late John J. McLaughlin, a brother-in-law of the late John J. McLaughlin, the informant.

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... of our family, I ~~think~~ think that the ...  
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Mr. Arthur Rosenthal was Chief in the Old Street Station.

1. He came to this country in the year of 1901 or 1902. He lived in the village of Lankh. At that time he was living with his family.

She and her white husband, Benjamin H. Robinson, who is the father of the late Benjamin H. Robinson, are both active in the community. She and her husband are both active in the community. She and her husband are both active in the community.

My mother, Isabella Williams married my father, Frank Cornhill, while he, in rebellion, about 1860. My mother was about 20 years of age. My mother, Rebecca Williams left the State of Massachusetts when she was about 1860. My father settled in Indiana first where she followed him. My mother, Rebecca Williams came into the Cherokee and lived with others about two miles from where I was born. Rebecca Williams with in 1860. She lived in the Cherokee nation until her death. Although she was only a slave in the Cherokee, yet she looked like a free woman. Father, and the sons she lived with in the Cherokee nation. She was recognized by the authorities of the nation. One of her sons who knew her, both in 1860 and 1860, as a Cherokee. She died in 1860. I am the only one of her children who is living.

She said her boys had signed the Declaration and the other rights of the other Choctaw, and so she would like to live as a citizen everlastingly of questions her rights as a Choctaw Indian. She said that while she had been in the territory now lives. And she lived in the territory. None of us thought much of the question of Choctaw citizenship. And an Indian man to do in those days in order to become a citizen, was sim-

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<sup>to</sup>  
 simply move into the Territory and settle. I don't know whether Grand-  
 mother, Rebecca Williams ever had any more but on my part of not.  
 The two boys who came into the nation with Grand-mother are dead.  
 William and John. Both died. My father said that the reason  
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 the Choctaw people.  
 Grandmother, my husband and I have wanted to purchase  
 all Choctaw lands, but the Choctaw Council have not so much money  
 and we are poor, for the matter of money, a great by purchase.  
 The Council have so much money that we have not but little money  
 to buy land.

Mary Ann Vandegriff

at Council in 1890 to settle in the land 2... of Sept. 1890.

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John M. Hinton  
 J. P.

Com. 4-11-6-98

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Wm Vandegriff

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Application for Enrollment as a member of  
The Ghostway Tribe of Indians of the U.S.

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

1. ROY, JAMES H., 1000 N. 10TH ST., APT. 10, DENVER, CO. 80202  
2. ROY, JAMES H., 1000 N. 10TH ST., APT. 10, DENVER, CO. 80202  
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10. ROY, JAMES H., 1000 N. 10TH ST., APT. 10, DENVER, CO. 80202

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WILLIAM THE PRINCE CONSORT, AND OTHERS ARE PROVE THAT THEIR  
STATUS AS A POLICE OFFICERS OF THE CHESHIRE POLICE OF LANCASHIRE

Henry & Mary  
 Sarah & Dr. Larky  
 Ellen & Dr. Larky  
 Bessie & Dr. Larky  
 William & Ellen

RECORDS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I, ~~James~~ <sup>James</sup> ~~Henry~~, one of the above named petitioners, do solemnly swear that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true to the ~~best~~ <sup>best</sup> of my belief.

Sarah M. Loring.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 2nd day of Sept. 1936.

*John H. Kunkin*

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Comm. ex. - 4-6-78



N. E. M. Donly

P. S. Bernight



Affidavit of John A. Smith

I, John A. Smith, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears to me, and I am a duly qualified and sworn officer of the County of [ ] State of [ ]

I have this day taken the within and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears to me, and I am a duly qualified and sworn officer of the County of [ ] State of [ ]

Richard B. Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [ ] day of [ ] 19[ ]

John A. Smith

Notary Public

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Be it remembered that on this 18th day of August 1896, personally appeared before me, Alfred Byington, who is a reliable and creditable Choctaw Indian citizen, of the Second Judicial District of the Choctaw Nation, and after being by me duly sworn according to the law, deposeth and says that he is a resident of the Central District Choctaw Nation, that his age is 47 years, and his occupation that of a farmer, that he is well and personally acquainted with Richard S. Bennight in the Choctaw Nation, and that the said Richard S. Bennight Choctaw Indian by blood, and is so recognized as such Indian in said Nation. Affiant makes this his sworn statement from his own personal knowledge and acquaintance with the aforesaid Richard S. Bennight of the family of Mashulatubbi, and affiant further states that he is not directly or indirectly interested in the prosecution of the heirs of the said Mashulatubbi deceased, for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation Indian Territory.

Alfred Byington.

State of Ark. County of Sevier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 19th day of August 1896.

J.W.H. Jones,

N.P.

Seal.

to the Committee. to the 2000-2001 Session:

That the Forensic Dental S. Belmont is a close family friend of the defendant and that he is fully aware of and involved with the co-defendant Minnie Belmont and that the Forensic Dental S. Belmont is the father of the child of the defendant the defendant's daughter. The Forensic Dental S. Belmont and Minnie Belmont.

The following report by Dr. Kenneth L. ...  
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Jesse S Bennett  
 George Bennett  
 Melrod Bennett  
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 William Wilkin

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Jesse A. Beunght

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Olochechabee being, first duly sworn states, my age is 47 or 70 years, I was born and raised Tombigby in the State of Mississippi and emigrated to the Indian Territory in the year of 1861. I have always been a Choctaw Indian and enjoyed all the rights of a Choctaw both in Mississippi and in the Indian Territory, a full blood. I lived in the same neighborhood in Mississippi with Machulatubbe- he was my cousin we called him father in Choctaw. Machulatubbe was the Chief or Captain and we all moved here to the Territory together. I knew Machulatubbe then until he died in St. Louis County, Indian Ter. the same place is now Seelyville County and he enjoyed all the rights of a full-blooded Choctaw Indian in the Indian-Territory.

Machulatubbe had a wife, a half breed Choctaw and they had a daughter named Rebecca and a son that was called Hyrum King in English. This girl Rebecca married a white man in Mississippi and they did not come with the rest of us to the Indian Country- but Hyrum King did.

I never knew when Rebecca came to the Indian Ter. but her father was a full blood and her mother a half breed and was so recognized by all us Indians.

Olochechabee:

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 31st day of August 1896.

Joe Hallman,

Notary Public.

My commission expires Oct. 14-1897

AFFIDAVIT

August 19 1886

My name is Eliconchituboi my age is 70 years, I lived in the northern part of the old nation in Mississippi and knew Mashulakuboi, lived within 10 miles of him in the old nation and I also knew Rebecca Williams nee Mashulakuboi, lived within the same of her and all children and personally acquainted with her the Applicant Richard S. Benenight son of Susan S. Benenight, a daughter of Elizabeth Council, daughter of Rebecca Williams nee Mashulakuboi

Rebecca was a three fourths Choctaw Indian her mother being 1/2 and her father a full blood Choctaw Indian. Rebecca came to this nation in about 1800 and I know that she was recognized and enjoyed all rights and privileges of the Choctaws Indians and died in the year 1800

His  
Eliconchituboi  
deposes

Witness E. F. Benenight.

State of Arkansas)  
(  
County of Sevier)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of August 1886

J. W. Jones N. P.



Affidavit.

Be it remembered that on this 19 day of August 1896 personally appeared before me Albert Carney who is a good reliable Choctaw citizen of the Second Judicial District of the Choctaw Nation ~~that his~~ and after being by me duly sworn according to law depose and says that he is a resident of the Second Judicial District of the Choctaw Nation that his age is 35 years his occupation that of a farmer, that he is well and personally acquainted with Richard S. Benningt in the Choctaw Nation and that the said Richard S. Benningt is a Choctaw Indian by blood and is so recognised in said Nation. Affiant makes this his sworn statement from his own personal knowledge and acquaintance with the aforesaid Richard S. Benningt of the family of Marshall Tabbi and affiant further states that he is not directly or indirectly interested in the proceedings of said heirs of Marshall Tabbi deceased for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation Indian Territory.

Albert Carney

State of Ark.     )  
                          (  
County of Sevier )

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 19th day of August, 1896

J. W. H. Jones, R. P.

Affidavit.

August the 19- 1890.

My name is William Butler I am 65 years old I was born in Mississippi on the Tombigbee River and Marion County I came to this Choctaw nation in the year of 1860 and I was under bondage by Indian named Harris I personally acquainted with the said Richard S. Bennett and I know him to be a reliable person and I know he is the son of the said Elizabeth Corbitt, daughter of the said Rebecca Williams who was the daughter of the said William I have heard the said Rebecca Williams say that she was the daughter of the said William and I knew that she was recognized as a Choctaw Indian and had all the rights and privileges of a Choctaw Indian. She was a three fourths Choctaw Indian in appearance.

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Bill Butler- Colored  
Mark

Witness L. F. Barnes

State of Arkansas )

(  
County of Sevier )

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 19. day of August, 1890.

J. W. H. Jones M. F.

The election is the of 1910  
of Indians.

TO THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES:

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Your exhibits also further show that the first speaker at the meeting  
 was a former associate of Russell Gibson, who was a close friend  
 of the witness. The second speaker was a former associate of the witness, and was  
 the brother of the witness, who was known to the witness at about  
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Alainette Bradley

James M. Boylan.

Joseph D. Boyden.

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1. On the 22. 1941, one of the above named, named, person, who solemnly swears that the facts that this set forth are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

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John M. Gordon  
28 City

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Witness in support  
of this Petition

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Witnesses in support  
of this Petition  
Susan S. Bennett  
Sarah Brown  
Rebecca S. Bennett  
Olivia Hubbard  
Elizabeth Hubbard  
Miss Miller

Application for Enrollment as Members of  
The Choctaw Tribe or Nation of Indians.

To the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes;

Your petitioner Sam Snider and his wife Rosa  
Snider respectfully represent and show to your Honorable Body,

That the aforesaid Sam Snider is a three thirty second Choctaw  
Indian, and that he is lawfully married to and living with his co- pe-  
titioner Rosa Snider,

Your petitioners further show that the aforesaid Sam Snider is  
the lawful descendant of Lucindy Snider nee Conhill, who was a three-  
sixteenth Choctaw Indian, and that the said Lucindy Snider was and is  
a lawful descendant of Elizabeth Williams who was a three eighth Choctaw  
Indian, and who was the lawful descendant of Becket Tubbs, who was  
a three fourths Choctaw Indian, and who was during the year of 1800,  
and long prior to said time, a member of the Choctaw nation of Indians  
and did at said time live among said Indians, and enjoy all the rights  
of a Choctaw Indian, and was at said time and long prior thereto  
recognized by the authorities of said nation, ~~as a member of the said~~  
Choctaw nation of Indians.

Wherefore the premises considered, you petitioners pray that  
their names be enrolled as members of the Choctaw Nation of Indians.

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Petitioners

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Attorneys for petitioners

I, Sam Snider, one of the above named petitioners, do solemnly swear  
that the facts set forth in the foregoing complaint are true as I  
verily believe.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this .....day of August, 1896.



**End**

Sarn T. Snider

Sarn T. Snider

Snider, Sam T.,  
Snider, Buno

Application for enrollment

To the Hon. Dawes Commission

Your petitioner Sam Snider states that he is an intermarried Choctaw citizen and enjoys all rights benefits and privileges as such citizen. That I was lawfully married unto Caroline Lewis on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 1875 in the

Choctaw Nation and we have since lived together as husband and wife. Furthermore that the very said wife Caroline Snider is a Choctaw citizen by blood and has enjoyed all rights and privileges as such. We have one child name Bunc Snider who is one year old. I refer you to the following affidavits and certificate Exhibit A. B. and C. to substantiate his claims and for the above reasons your petitioner prays that his name and that the name of his boy Bunc Snider be so that they may enjoy all rights benefits and privileges of such Choctaw.



citizens by blood.

Respectfully signed

Wm. I. Snider

and subscribed to

this petition on the 7th day

of September 1863

Wm. I. Snider

Notary Public

Snider

Manuel Sandoval  
Centeno

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Don Juan

Mary License.

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Maria Curie

To certify that I am the person named in the  
and Mrs. Caroline Ann [unclear] [unclear]  
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John Erwin who after being  
sworn by me deposes and says  
I am well acquainted with  
the person Sam Snider and  
his wife Emeline Snider  
and know that the latter is  
a Chertow by blood and  
enjoy all rights benefits  
and privileges as such  
also know that the person  
Sam Snider is an intem-  
perate citizen of the Chertow  
Natin that he and said  
wife Emeline Snider were  
married according to the  
laws of the Chertow Natin  
and that they have since said  
marriage lived together  
as husband and wife

Witness my hand and seal  
on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1896 at Frankfort Ind



**End**

Solomon Snow  
#1161

Solomon Snow

Snow, Solomon,  
Snow, Samuel,  
Snow, Samira,  
Snow, William,  
Snow, Larkin,  
Snow, Minervy,  
Snow, Susan,  
Snow, Rosa,

(A copy)

Wm. F. Fieds  
Affidavit



(a Copy)

Chickasaw Nation and Ter  
Southern District  
William A. Fields swears  
and certifies before me  
a Notary Public, that the said  
Polly Cole now wife of  
Solomon Snow Jr. and  
is known to the best of  
my knowledge to be the  
daughter of Betsey Cole for  
which I certify that Solomon  
Snow Sr. and W. A. Snow  
is lawfull heirs of the  
said Solomon and Polly  
Snow and Patsy Casey is  
sisters. This the 11 day of Aug  
A. D. 1896

Signed Wm. F. Fields  
For which I set my hand  
and seal

John F. West  
Notary Public

I hereby certify that the above  
is a true and correct copy of  
Wm. F. Fields Affidavit.

R. F. French  
Notary Public

Mr. Term of office expires Nov 14 - 1898

(a copy)

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Square Wolf's  
Affidavit

(A Copy)

Wiley Chickasaw Na. I. I. Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1896

I, Square Wolf on oath state that I was personally acquainted with Polly Cole and also her mother Betsey Cole, whose maiden name was Betsey Hark. Polly Cole married Solomon Snow in Miss. and came to the Choctaw Na. I. I. I know Betsey Cole to be a half breed Choctaw Indian, and also Stephen Cole to be a half breed Choctaw Indian. I am about eighty six years of age and have known the above named parties for about fifty years.

I have made this affidavit without fear or favor.

Square<sup>his</sup> Wolf  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1896

D. J. French  
Notary Public

My Term of office expires Nov 10-98

(a copy)

Samuel Perrin  
Affidavit



(a copy)

Wiley Chick saw H. J. Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 1889  
I, Samuel Perry being on oath  
state that I was well and per-  
sonally acquainted with Polly  
Cole, and also her mother Betsy  
Cole, whose maiden name was  
Betsy Hark. Polly Cole married  
Solomon Snow in Mississippi  
and came to the Choctaw Nation.  
I knew Betsy Cole to be a half breed  
Choctaw Indian by blood, and  
also Stephen Cole to be a half breed  
Choctaw Indian by blood. I am  
about eighty (84) four years of age  
and have known the above named  
parties for about fifty (50) years.  
I have made this affidavit  
without fear or favor.

Samuel <sup>in</sup> Perry  
<sub>made</sub>

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1889  
R. F. French  
Notary Public

(a copy)

Solomon Snow  
Statement

(a copy)

Hon, Members of the Dawes  
Commission

I Solomon Snow say on oath  
that I am Fifty one (51) years  
of age and live at Bailey and Ter  
Peters Co. I am a claimant for  
Choctaw Citizenship and say  
I have seven (7) Children, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Samuel Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Samira Snow  
3<sup>rd</sup> William Snow 4<sup>th</sup> Farkin Snow  
5<sup>th</sup> Minerva Snow 6<sup>th</sup> Susan  
Snow, 7<sup>th</sup> Rosa Snow.

Their ages range from ten to  
Twenty six years of age and  
all reside in the Chickasaw Na,  
and are entitled to Citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation, they  
are Choctaw Indian by blood  
and as such are entitled  
to all the privileges of  
Choctaw Indians.

My mother's maiden name  
was Polly Cole, daughter of  
Stephen Cole, who was a  
Choctaw by blood. I  
have heard my mother  
say that she and my father  
were married on the Yellow

Rough River" My father  
Solomon Snow Sr was a white  
man and died in Morgan  
County Ark, about the year 1849,  
I was born in Morgan County  
Tenn. about the year 1845, and  
was about 10 years of age when  
my father removed his family  
to Newton County, Ark. I have two  
(2) brothers now living, Wesley  
Snow and Erastus Snow.  
I have resided in the Indian  
Territory for about Eighteen  
years. Last part I resided at  
the old Miles Thompson farm  
better known as the Salt works  
during the war, and I was  
recognized as a Choctaw  
Indian by blood by Gov.  
Cole. I was advised by  
my Atty George W Hankins  
to let the Choctaw Authorities  
bring the suit, which they  
never did. I was therefore  
allowed to carry on (or follow)  
my occupation (farming)  
without paying any penit-



and was allowed all of the  
privileges of a Citizen.  
Wherefore I pray to be  
enrolled by the Town Commission  
as a citizen of the Choctaw  
Nation and that he  
be restored to all of the rights  
and privileges of the  
same.

George F. Ellis  
Atty for Solomon Snow

Solomon + Snow  
mark

Witness to  
mark } A. S. Milkey  
R. L. Frammell

Snow to have subscribed to  
before me this 22 day of Aug  
1896

A. S. Milkey  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires May 14. 1897

I do hereby certify that the foregoing  
is a true and correct copy of  
the statement of Solomon Snow  
as made before A. S. Milkey.

R. F. French

My term of office expires May 14. 1897  
Notary Public

End

Pearl Snyder  
#1549

Pearl Snyder

Snyder, Pearl,  
Snyder, Essie,  
Snyder, Beulah,



no —

In Re Application  
Pearl Snyder et al

Choctaw.  
Nation.

Copies

United States of America,  
Southern District,  
Indian Territory.

To the Honorable Henry H. Dawes, Chairman of the  
Dawes Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
at Vinita, Indian Territory.

In Re Application of Pearl Snyder et al  
for Enrollment as members of the  
Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

Now comes your applicants, Pearl Snyder, Bessie Snyder and Soniah Snyder, by their next friend J. M. Marshall and most respectfully represents to your Honorable Commission that they are bona fide residents of the Chickasaw Nation Indian Territory, and that they are members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians by blood, and that they are entitled to be enrolled on the regular roll of the members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, being prepared by your Honorable Commission, as members of the said Choctaw Tribe of Indians for the following reasons to wit:-

1st. There is correct and perfect roll of the members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and no authority for the said Choctaw Nation to prepare such a roll.

2nd. That the said applicants are living, legal descendants of Dorothy Snyder nee Dorothy Campbell who married one Tom Snyder in the year 1882 or 1883. That they are children born to the said Dorothy Snyder and Tom Snyder and are, eleven, eight and five years of age respectively. That their said mother Dorothy Snyder nee Dorothy Campbell was a Choctaw Indian by blood, and the daughter of Ellen Campbell nee Foster, who was a Choctaw Indian by blood and was always so recognized by other members of the said Tribe of Indians, and always enjoyed all the rights and privileges of other Choctaws of the full blood. That the other brothers and sisters of the said Dorothy Snyder nee Campbell have always been recognized as members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians and have enjoyed all the rights and privileges of other Choctaws of the full blood.

3rd That by virtue of being the children and descendants of Dorothy Snyder nee Campbell who was a Choctaw Indian by blood they are each entitled to be enrolled on the regular roll being prepared by your Honorable Commission as Members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

That the mother of said children is dead and the father

is either dead are in parts unknown, and that for some time the said children have lived with and resided with J. M. Campbell the next friend of your applicants herein and that he as their next friend makes this application in their behalf.

Wherefore your applicants pray that upon final hearing of this application, they and each of them may be enrolled upon the regular roll being prepared by your Honorable Commission as members of the Cheateau Tribe of Indians.

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the Southern District of the Indian Territory J. M. Campbell, who upon oath swears that he is the uncle and next friend of the applicants herein and that he makes this application in their behalf, that the answers and statements set forth in the foregoing application are true.

J. M. Campbell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of September, 1898.

J. E. Kiddle

Notary Public.

Before The ~~United~~ Dawes Commission to the Five Civilized  
Tribes.

In Re application of Pearl Snyder et al  
for enrollment as members of the  
Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

Personally appeared before me the under-  
signed authority, Joseph H. Rickard who first  
being by me duly sworn on oath, states, that he is a resident of Pontotoc  
County, Indian Territory and a member of the Choctaw Tribe  
of Indians. That he is acquainted with the applicants herein and know  
them to be the children of Leah Snyder nee Leachy  
Campbell. I know the said \_\_\_\_\_ and  
knew her to be a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians by blood, I  
knew her mother and knew her to be a member of the Choctaw Tribe of  
Indians by blood. I know to my own knowledge that she and her mother  
were regularly recognized members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and  
enjoyed all the rights and privileges of other Choctaws of the full  
blood. I know her brothers and sisters to be so recognized by the other  
members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and their right has never been  
disputed. That the applicants are bona fide residents of the Chickasaw  
Nation Indian Territory.

Joseph H. Rickard  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of September, 1906.

J. E. Rickard

Notary Public in and for the  
Southern District of the  
Indian Territory.

My Commission Expires Dec. 4, 1906.



**End**

F.m. Sorrells

F. m. Sorrells

Sorrells, F. M.,  
Sorrells, Jane,  
Sorrells, Solonus,  
Sorrells, Etna,  
Sorrells, Buck,  
Sorrells, Eva,  
Sorrells, Ed T.,  
Sorrells, Rachel,  
Sorrells, Charlotte,  
Sorrells, Julia, (*now Senbun*)  
Sorrells, Washington,  
Sorrells, Easter,  
Sorrells, Fred,  
Senbun, Ada, .,  
Senbun, Cadice,  
Senbun, Callie,  
Senbun, Bennie,  
Senbun, Walter,

Application for enrollment

Hon. Dawes Commission  
Your petitioner T. M. Sorrells  
respectfully represent unto your  
honor that he is a Choctaw Ind-  
ian by blood. That the said petitioner's  
father was married unto a Choctaw  
woman One Tolson in the  
year 1844 or 45 and lived with the  
said wife until her death about  
1846 leaving only one heir which  
is your petitioner. The father of your  
petitioner was next married unto  
a white woman named Charlotte  
Smedley daughter of Rev. Joseph  
Smedley who was a missionary  
to the Choctaws at that time  
who was adopted by the Choctaw  
Indians and given a quarter  
section of land which his  
children have since and are  
now enjoying same.

Your said petitioner was law-  
fully married unto Jane Biddie  
the widow of Robt. L. Biddie  
deceased on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
September 1879 since which time  
we have lived together as husband



and wife <sup>Ed</sup> have the following children with names <sup>and</sup> ages as follows

|         |     |    |     |
|---------|-----|----|-----|
| Solomon | age | 16 | yr. |
| Elna    | "   | 14 | "   |
| Buck    | "   | 12 | "   |
| Eva     | "   | 5  | "   |

Your petitioner further states that his brother Ed. Sorelle is a son of S. W. Sorelle and Charlotte Sorelle and he the said Ed Sorelle was lawfully married unto Rachel Bloodworth about 17 yrs. ago and have since lived together as husband & wife <sup>Ed</sup> as a result of said union are the following children.

|            |    |    |     |
|------------|----|----|-----|
| Charlotte  | 16 | yr | old |
| Julia      | 14 | "  | "   |
| Washington | 12 | "  | "   |
| Easter     | 10 | "  | "   |
| Fred       | 2  | "  | "   |

All of the above are still living There was also a daughter born of the said S. W. <sup>Ed</sup> Charlotte Sorelle name Julia Sorelle who married a white man

name Scrubbs she and  
her husband are both dead  
but leave 5 children names  
as follows Ada 24 yrs. old

      Ladice 22 " "

      Hallie 20 " "

      Bennie 18 " "

      Walter 16 " "

The above living and entitled  
to citizenship and your  
petitioner ask that his name  
and thus be enrolled as  
Choctaw citizens.

To substitute the above I  
hereunto submit the following  
affidavits and records

Affidavits Sarah Cooper  
exhibit "A"

R. B. Edmunds ex - "B"

Patiently awaiting your  
decision I am yours  
F. M. Souelle

Sworn to & subscribed before me  
on this the 7th day of September  
1896

A. Frank Rice  
Notary Public

exhibit "A"

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

In the matter of petition and memorial of T. M. Sorrells  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

State of Ind. Ter. }  
County of Cherokee } SS

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Mrs. Sarah Cooper who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 60 years of age, and a resident of the State of Ind. Ter. and County of Cherokee Nat. and her post office address is Wilton; that she is personally acquainted with T. M. Sorrells who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

I know T. M. Sorrells the father of the petitioner  
and he is well known to me. He was born in the  
Cherokee Nation in the County of Cherokee, Ind. Ter.  
that he is of Indian blood. He was married  
to Emma Sorrells a Cherokee girl (which was  
about fifty years ago) in the Cherokee  
Nation and he and she lived together  
until she died. She died in the Cherokee Nation  
and he lived with her until she died. He has  
one son and one daughter. The son is  
now in the Cherokee Nation and the daughter  
is now in the Cherokee Nation. He has  
been frequently saying that the name of the boy is  
now in the Cherokee Nation and the daughter  
is now in the Cherokee Nation. He has  
features resembling the Cherokee  
citizen by blood and drew money in the last few years.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Emma Sorrells for the past 60 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Emma Sorrells indicate that she is of said Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Emma Sorrells he believes the said T. M. Sorrells to be a descendent by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe, and a lineal descendent of the said Emma Sorrells.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of July, 1896.

My Commission expires June 31st 1897

Sarah Cooper  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Exhibit "B"

Central District 3  
Indiana Territory Affidavit of R. W. Edmonds

Personally appeared before me a notary  
Public for the aforesaid district and  
Territory one R. W. Edmonds whom I  
know to be reliable and trustworthy  
and after being duly sworn by me he  
deposes and says: My name is  
R. W. Edmonds my age is 64 years  
I have resided in the Choctaw  
nation 3 1/2 years was acquainted  
with L. W. Sorrels knew him about  
30 thirty years ago. He always claimed to  
me that he was a citizen of the Choctaw  
nation by marriage that his first wife  
was a Choctaw woman. I do not think  
that he was ever required to pay a permit  
but think the officers recognized him  
as being a citizen therefore did  
not ask him to pay for permission  
to remain here. He lived in Sugarcane  
County and the officers all knew  
him well. He said L. W. Sorrels stated  
to me that he lived with old Captain  
Lock or John Riddle who performed  
the marriage to marry him.



To the said Choctaw ~~people~~  
I am a citizen of the Choctaw  
Nation by intermarriage and have  
been for twenty six years

R. B. Edwards

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1896

A. Frank, Esq.

Notary Public

**End**

Henry Sorrells

Henry Sorrells

Sorrells, Henry,  
Sorrells, Mary, (dead)  
Rubottom, William, (?)  
Rubottom, Lizzie (?)  
and family  
Sorrells, Frank (?)

(Henry Sorrells makes  
application for self only)



Nov. 17, 1891

Notes on the subject:

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1. The first part of the document is a list of names and titles, including "The Hon. Mr. Justice" and "The Hon. Mr. Justice".

Bar Harbor

Merwin & Hudson, Stationers

And for

August 11th 1840

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> J<sup>es</sup>eph C. Warren

Gov<sup>er</sup> Hudson Stationers

I herewith submit to your kind consideration my  
application to be placed in the next list of  
the stationers & stationers place before you for  
furnishing & also to sustain our application.  
I, H. H. Hudson, a citizen of the United  
States, - I am a native born citizen of the State of  
Massachusetts, and I am a resident of the City of  
Boston, - I was married on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June  
1840, at New York, by Lord James C. M. H.  
and wife brother of Lord James, who witnessed  
our marriage, & also, I am a member of the  
City of Boston, a Custom House, & have  
made affidavit that I was lawfully married and  
in full and complete possession of my wife was  
Hudson, by Lord, - that we were together  
as man & wife, - that three children were born  
to us in said marriage, my wife's maiden name  
was from her mother Minnie A. Harris,  
whose maiden name was Halse, the late Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Halse Hudson, by Lord, was my wife's uncle.  
We are now residing in Hudson, by Lord, the 11

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still living is my wife and cousin  
Mrs. Anne Sigall. (Sholan by name)  
who is still living is my wife's sister.  
There were three children born to us and  
I died in 1871. Frank Carver, Lizzie Carver, &  
Hannah Carver, my youngest daughter. Hannah  
died in 1871. My wife died in 1870. my son  
Frank went to England & is still living there.  
My daughter Lizzie married Mr. William  
H. Carver, who with their family are living  
in the nation. I have been living in  
the Cherokee Nation in the town of  
Cokeville, my marriage & birth records  
are in the town of Cokeville. I was a  
soldier of the Cherokee Nation & a soldier in the  
Cherokee Nation, and a very good  
soldier of the Cherokee Nation & was recognized as  
a soldier of the Cherokee Nation by the  
Government at the Cherokee Fair by an  
order sent in as a reward to the  
Cherokee Nation. I was a very good  
soldier of the Cherokee Nation, which was all  
the time. I am living at the Cherokee  
County Cherokee Nation, Cherokee.  
H. Carver, Son of  
I subscribed and sworn to the same in  
this town of Cherokee.

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Ex. 1314

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT IN THE INDIAN TERRITORY  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT, AT ARDMORE.

M. J. SORRELLS,

NO. VS.

W A I V E R.

CHOCTAW NATION.

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We hereby waive notice of appeal in the above entitled case,  
and agree that the plaintiffs may file their application for appeal  
in said case, the same as if notice had been duly served upon us.

We are advised of the fact that the plaintiffs intends appeal-  
ing this case to the United States Court, for the Southern District,  
of the Indian Territory, at Ardmore, and do not waive objection to  
Jurisdiction of this court.

*Stuart Gordon & Hailey*  
ATTORNEYS FOR THE CHOCTAW NATION.

1/29/97



**End**

Henry Southerland

Henry Southerland

Acado Ind Ter

I am all that would respectfully ask  
to be enrolled as a citizen of the Choctaw  
Indian Territory, claiming title  
under Act No 8 of the General  
Council of the Choctaw Nation approved  
April 1891 P. 310 Laws of said Nation  
concerning certain Mississippi Indians  
residing in said <sup>the</sup> Nation also  
refers to Article 26 of the Treaty between  
the United States & the Choctaw Nation  
made in 1830 A.D. And for other reasons  
such as set forth in your application  
claiming title to an allotment for the  
same. That prior to and at the passage  
of the above named Act April 1891 of the  
General Council your applicant was  
and is known to be to the present date  
the lawful husband of Mrs Le a Suther-  
land <sup>as shown by blood</sup> one of the parties named in the  
above recited act, your applicant  
having married said Lena Sutherland  
in the State of Mississippi and  
it is in accordance with the laws of  
said State. And your applicant would  
further state that since the approval  
of the above named Act No 8 that he has  
all along recognized and regarded as an

married Indian Citizen exercising  
rights and privileges as  
such citizens of said (1850)  
In substantiation of these  
facts see a true copy of marriage Certificate  
and the affidavits of C. A. Bilbo & W. F. Robin-  
son hereto annexed

Henry Sutherland

Subscribed and sworn before me  
on this 1st day of Sept 1846

J. F. Reppner  
Notary Public



7  
These certificates to be used in be-  
half of the said Sutherland before the  
Department of Immigration for citizenship of  
the United States of America

These are Certificates

State of Mississippi County of Madison  
I, Clerk of said County, have this day  
received from the Clerk of the  
Circuit Court of said County a true and  
correct copy of the report of a naturalization  
examined by Sutherland and Allen  
and the same is now under my hand  
and seal this 20th day of May 1876

Rev W. H. Allen, Secy

State of Mississippi County of Madison Office of  
the Clerk of the Circuit Court This is to certify  
that the above is a true copy of the certificate  
of naturalization now on file in my office and rec-  
orded in Marriage Record No 11 at page  
109 and the same is now under my hand and seal of  
said Court at Canton Mississippi this 28th  
day of May 1876

M. Allen (Clerk of the Circuit Court)  
by E. R. Allen  
Deputy

Affidavit of ~~M. H. Robinson~~ to be used before  
the Dawes Commission of the Five Tribes in  
behalf of Henry Sutherland for citizenship  
of the Choctaw Nation. The affiant being  
duly sworn deposes and says I am  
40 years old my post office is Caddo.  
I am an Indian citizen by blood.  
I have known Henry Sutherland and Mrs  
Anna Sutherland since 1891 Mrs  
Anna Sutherland was then known as a  
Choctaw by blood who had recently proved  
her rights & is yet so known as a Choctaw  
Indian by blood, I know that the said  
Sutherlands sustained then, the relation  
of husband & wife and have ever since.  
During all of said time the said Henry  
Sutherland has been regarded as an  
unmarried citizen exercising all  
rights & privileges of such citizen.  
I am Judge of the County Court  
~~Subscribed~~ of Bluff County, Choctaw Nation  
M. H. Robinson

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
on this the 1st day of Sept-1896

J. L. Rappole  
Notary Public

Affidavit of C. A. Bilbo to be used before the Dawes Commission of the Five Tribes in behalf of Henry Sutherland for Citizenship of the Choctaw Nation. The Affiant being duly sworn deposes & says I am 38 years old an Indian citizen by blood my post Office Caddo I. D. I am acquainted with Henry Sutherland and the fact of making application for citizenship to the Choctaw Nation. I know him to be the lawful husband of Lena Sutherland nee Bilbo one of the first admitted to citizenship of the Choctaw Nation by the Choctaw Council in the year 1891. I was present at the marriage of Henry Sutherland & Lena Sutherland nee Bilbo in Canton, State of Mississippi a little over 12 yrs ago. I also know that the said Sutherland has been known and regarded an intermarried citizen of the Choctaw Nation since 1891 and that that he has during all this time exercised rights & privileges such as are only known to be exercised by citizens. I am the brother of the above named Lena Sutherland.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 11 day of Sept 1898

*C. A. Bilbo*  
*J. F. Rappaport*  
Notary Public

**End**



Elizabeth Spain  
#603

Elizabeth Spain

Copied from  
the original  
Mrs. Elizabeth Train.

Halsell and Barton  
Attorneys at Law  
Paris, Ind.  
E. B.

All of whom are duly enrolled  
as members of the Choctaw Tribe  
of Indians except one, the fourth.  
That at the date of said  
marriage there was no Choctaw  
law requiring marriage <sup>license</sup> ~~certificate~~  
as the law now is. That  
said Preacher & wife made some  
disposition of his certificate  
of said marriage unknown to  
your applicant.

15<sup>th</sup> - That at the Saint Mary's  
there was present Saint  
M<sup>c</sup> Knight & others, most  
of whom are now absent on  
Chad.

6<sup>th</sup> That her said husband  
is registered or enrolled as  
a member of the Choctaw Tribe  
of Indians and is known  
to be recognized by them as such.  
Wherefore your Applicant  
prays that she be enrolled by  
your Hon. Body as a member  
of said Choctaw Tribe or Nation  
& allowed with rights & privileges  
of a member thereof & be entitled to

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August  
C. A. Hutton Notary Public South Dist. N.Y. 1876

United States }  
Indian Territory }

To the Hon. Lewis Commission  
Winnipeg, N.D.

Your Applicant Mrs Elizabeth

Spain respectfully states as

That she is a white woman  
by blood, that she is 39 yrs  
of age, that her post office  
address is White Bear Hill N.D.

2<sup>nd</sup> That she was united in  
marriage with Thomas Spain  
a Choctaw of mixed blood on  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February

at the residence of her husband  
father near Durant (3 miles from  
Choctaw Nation, by Dixon  
Durant a Choctaw Indian  
preacher who then lived at  
Durant Choctaw Nation.

3<sup>rd</sup> That ever since the  
day of said marriage she  
has lived with her said husband  
Thomas Spain & is still living  
with him as his wife & that  
by him she has ten children.



Southern District  
Indian Territory

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a duly commissioned Notary Public in and for the Southern District Indian Territory on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896 Thomas Spain who has duly sworn an oath states that he is a Choctaw citizen by blood and duly enrolled and recognized as such by the Choctaw officials and his post office address is White Bear Hill Indian Territory -

2<sup>d</sup>

That he is forty four years of age, he married Elizabeth Cantrell in the Choctaw Nation three miles SW of Durant on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1876 at the residence of his father Thomas Spain and by her he has ten children all duly enrolled except one

3<sup>d</sup>

That at the time of said marriage there was no law by the Choctaw Nation requiring license

4<sup>th</sup>

That at said marriage there were present David McKnight Spain brother of this applicant now absent or dead

5<sup>th</sup>

That from the date of said marriage until the present time he has lived continuously and is living with said Elizabeth Spain nee Elizabeth Cantrell as his wife Thomas Spain

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896. C. O. Gorton Notary.  
South. Dist. I. T.

Southern District  
Indian Territory }

Personally appeared  
before me the undersigned  
a duly commissioned Notary  
Public in and for the Southern  
District Indian Territory on  
the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896 Stephen  
Centrell being duly sworn  
an oath states that his post  
office address is White Bear Mill  
Indian Territory. That he is  
seventy four years of age and  
well acquainted with the applicant  
Thomas Spain and Elizabeth  
Spain and is the father of Eliza-  
bette Spain and that Thomas  
Spain and Elizabeth Spain have  
lived together as husband and wife  
since the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1876  
the date of their marriage

Stephen Centrell

~~Centrell~~

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896  
C. O. Patton Notary  
Public Southern Dist. D. T.

Southern District }  
Indian Territory }

Personally appeared before the undersigned  
a duly commissioned Notary Public in and  
for the Southern District Indian Territory  
on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896 David McKim Spain  
being duly sworn on the Oath of the States  
that his last office address is White Bear Hill  
Indian Territory and that he is 37 years  
of age and is well acquainted with Thomas  
Spain and Elizabeth Spain nee Elizabeth  
Leutrell and that he was present at the marriage  
of said Thomas Spain and Elizabeth Spain nee  
Leutrell and saw them united in  
marriage and that Thomas Spain is  
a Choctaw citizen by blood and is duly  
enrolled & recognized as such by the Choctaw  
officials and that he is a brother  
of said Thomas Spain

David McKim Spain

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August  
1896.

C. A. Barton  
Notary Public  
South Dist. I. T.

**End**



J.B. Sparks

J.B. Sparks

Sparks J.B.

Sparks Nellie Gaines

Sparks Gladdis Lacy

Sparks Clifford

Sparks Mrs.

**NEXT  
IMAGE  
GLUED**

T. F. HARRIS, FOR ISABELLE & FOR ::  
 HARRIS & HARRIS, CARRIED SPARKS, :: APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP PEND  
 HARRIS & HARRIS, & HARRIS ::  
 HARRIS & HARRIS, *HARRIS & HARRIS* :: INC BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO THE  
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 :: FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
 HARRIS & HARRIS, HARRIS ::

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THE LITERATURE COMMISSION: -

JOHN LUTHER, P. B. SPARKS, represents that he is now a citizen of ~~Chickasaw~~ <sup>Chickasaw</sup> County, Chickasaw Nation. That he is a white man, and was originally a citizen of the United States. That prior to 1882 he moved to and resided in the said Chickasaw Nation. That on March 20th, 1882 he was lawfully married in the Chickasaw Nation and according to the laws thereof to Mona Gainer, a native Chickasaw Indian. That he continued to live with her until the year 1890, when she voluntarily and without fault on the part of this applicant left him, abandoned him and also abandoned her children to this applicant and left them with this applicant. That there were two children by said marriage, Levitt, Nellie Gaines Sparks, a girl, now aged about eleven (11) years, and Jessie Sparks, a girl, who is now dead. That in about 1890 the said Mona, the wife of this applicant, applied to the courts of the Chickasaw Nation for a divorce from this applicant, which was by said courts granted. That this applicant made no resistance to said proceeding for divorce, because he had no desire to compel the said Mona to live with him against her will. That the said Mona has since married. That afterwards, in September, 1892, this applicant was lawfully married in the Chickasaw Nation and according to the laws thereof to Etha Mae Owen, a white woman and citizen of the United



(2)

States, but who then resided in said Chickasaw Nation. That this applicant and his said last wife have two children, to wit, Gladis Lucy Sparks, a girl, about three (3) years old, and the other, a boy, now an infant, named Clifford Sparks. This applicant further shows that ever since his marriage to the said Wona Griner in 1893, he has resided in the Chickasaw Nation and has claimed and exercised the rights of citizenship therein and has lived no where else, and his rights as a citizen have been constantly recognized by the Chickasaw Government and he has been permitted to participate in their annuities and enjoy the other rights of citizenship. He further shows that by the marriage of this applicant to the said Wona Griner he became a citizen of said Chickasaw Nation and that by his marriage to the said last wife she also became a citizen of said Nation and that their two children above mentioned are also citizens but the Chickasaw Government has failed to recognize this applicant's present wife and their two children as citizens of said Nation and have denied to them the rights of such citizens. This applicant further shows that his rights as a citizen and those of his child by the said Wona, to wit, Nellie Gaines Sparks, who has always lived with this applicant since applicant's first wife abandoned him, and who is now a member of his family, have never been denied by the Chickasaw Nation so far as this applicant, but he has been unable to obtain access to the roll of citizenship of said Nation to see if the names of himself and the said Nellie Gaines Sparks are on the said roll, and he is apprehensive that when the roll is presented to this Honorable Commission that the names of himself and the said Nellie Gaines Sparks will not appear on it, and for that reason he makes application for himself and the said Nellie Gaines and for his present wife and their two children as aforesaid to be admitted to citizenship in said Chickasaw Nation.

(3)

WHEREFORE this applicant makes this application and prays that the same be granted and that the names of himself, his present wife and his said three (3) children above named be entered upon the roll of citizenship by this Honorable Commission.

*Attley Attley*

ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANT.

J. J. B. SPARKS, do on oath state that the matters and things set forth in the above and foregoing application are true, and that his post office address is Chickasha, Indian Territory.

*J. J. B. Sparks*

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 1895.

(Seal.)

*Chas. Hutchinson Notary Public*

*My Commission Expires November 21, 1897*

Before the Commis-  
sion to the Five  
Civilized Tribes.

J. B. Sparks, for the  
Benefit of Nellie  
Gaines, Sparks, et al.,  
vs.

Chickasaw Nation

Application for  
Citizenship.

IN THE TERRITORY ::

UNITED STATES, :: PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, ONE OF THE SIGNED  
authority, H. E. SPARKS and J. W. FALLS, who, each for himself, on  
oath depose and say:

I am well acquainted with J. E. Sparks and have known him for  
a long number of years, and know that in about the year 1892 he was  
lawfully married in the Chickasaw Nation to Miss May Owen. I fur-  
ther state that the said J. E. Sparks and his wife, the said May,  
have two (2) children, to wit, Gladis Lucy Sparks, a girl, about  
three (3) years old, and Clifford Sparks, a boy, an infant, some  
two (2) or three (3) ~~xxx~~ months old.

H. E. Sparks

J. W. Falls

STORY SO AND DESCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 24 DAY OF August 1896.

(Seal)

Chas. H. Huttons Notary Public  
My Commission Expires 24 1897



INDIAN TERRITORY:

SOUTHERN DIVISION: BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT, appeared S. L. WILLIAMS, who, on oath, deposes and says:

I am a Chickasaw Indian by marriage. I live at Picher, in the Indian Territory, and am engaged in the banking business. I further state that I know F. P. Sparks well, and I know that he and Mary Sparks, nee Oliver, lived together as husband and wife for quite a number of years, and I further state that when they lived together I lived near them and was about the household and I know that F. P. Sparks was a good husband to the said Mary and I also know that without any just excuse or provocation she voluntarily left him and abandoned his home and abandoned their children and left them with the said Sparks and went away. The said Mary made no charge against the said Sparks and never claimed that he was other than a kind and good husband to her. I further state that after a divorce had been obtained between the said Mary and the said Sparks intercourse with other people. The said Sparks married Miss May Owen, at least they were reputed to have been married, and have lived together since as husband and wife, and are so regarded in the community as husband and wife. I further state that they have one or two children, the names and ages of whom I do not know.

S. L. Williams

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 25 DAY OF Aug. 1910

C. E. Costello

Not. Pub.

(Seal)

Before the Commis-  
sion to the Five  
Civilized Tribes.

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J. B. Sparks, for her  
self & Nellie Gaines  
Sparks, et al,

<sup>vs.</sup>  
Chickasaw Nation.

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Evidence to sustain  
Application.

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INDIAN TERRITORY ::

SOUTHERN DIVISION: BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, PERSONALLY appeared R. J. LOVE, who, on oath, deposes and says:

I am a citizen by marriage of the Chickasaw Nation. I have known J. R. Sparks, who lives at Chickasha, for a long time. I knew Wona Griner prior to her marriage with the said J. R. Sparks. I know that they were lawfully intermarried in the Chickasaw Nation and according to the laws thereof in about the year 1883. I married the sister of the said Wona Griner and have been familiar with the said J. R. Sparks and with the said Wona ever since their marriage. I was about the house of the said J. R. Sparks a great deal prior to the separation between him and his first wife, the said Wona. I know that the said J. R. Sparks was kind and indulgent to the said Wona and treated her well and made her a good husband. I further know that she left him, abandoned him and his home and their child and went away without any cause or excuse. I further know that the said Wona never made any charges against the said Sparks or claimed that he was other than a good husband to her. I further know that after their separation and after a divorce was granted to the said Sparks was related to have married Miss May Owen. I know that they have since lived together as man and wife and that they have a child or two, the ages and names of whom I do not know, as they live at this time quite a distance from me.

R. J. Love

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 31 DAY OF Aug. 1896.

(seal.)

Chas. Hutchins Notary Public

My Commission Expires November  
24 1897.

**End**



J. W. Sparks

J. W. Sparks

APPLICATION OF J.W. SPARKS,  
TO THE HON. DAWES COMMISSION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BECOMING AN ENROLLED  
MEMBER AS ~~CITIZEN~~ <sup>CITIZEN</sup> OF THE CHICKASAW TRIBE OF INDIANS.

To the Hon. Dawes Commission, at Vinita, Ind. Ter.

Your applicant, J.W. Sparks, would respectfully represent that  
on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1880 he was lawfully married to Mrs. SARAH  
Sarah Colbert, an Indian by blood. That he secured a license from the  
legal authority of the Chickasaw Nation to marry the said Sarah Colbert  
which license is herewith filed as evidence of the right of said applic-  
<sup>a certified copy of the</sup>  
ant to citizenship in the Chickasaw Nation.  
That he was married to the said Sarah Colbert according to the laws of  
the Chickasaw Nation, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1880, as will appear from  
the marriage certificate herewith submitted.

That by this marriage there was born to us, on or about the 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
January A.D. 1883, a girl child (3, this) who is still living.

That the said Sarah Colbert his then wife having of her own free will  
abandoned him as her husband he, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1883, secured  
a legal divorce, from the bonds of matrimony, from the said Sarah  
Colbert, from the proper legal authority of the Chickasaw Nation; which  
said Divorce is evidenced by a Bill of divorce herewith filed,

That he has lived and continues to, <sup>since</sup> ~~since~~ ever since the said bill  
of divorce was issued, or granted to him on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1883.

Therefore Application and evidence considered, Your Applicant, J.W. Sparks  
asks that he be enrolled as a ~~citizen~~ <sup>member</sup> of the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1883,  
at my office in Pauls Valley Ind. Ter. *J. W. Sparks*  
*Chickasaw*

Notary Public for the Southern  
District of the Indian Territory

*C. W. Barnett*  
Attorney for Applicant

I have to say that  
the day was a  
great success and  
I hope to see  
you all soon.  
Yours truly,  
John C. Smith

P. 61  
Aug 26 1880.

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TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME GREETING:

KNOW YE:

THAT I B.W. CARTER DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE CHICKASAW NATION,

By authority in vested by the constitution and laws of Chickasaw Nation, and in accordance with the desire of the jury trying the case grant unto J.W. Sparks a divorce from his wife Sarah Sparks.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1883, attest B. W. Carter, -Judge- Dist. Judge  
Chickasaw Nation.

C.H. Heald  
Cl'k T. C., C. N.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a copy of the divorce bill forwarded to the Hon. Dawes Commission as evidence in the claim of J. W. Sparks for citizen ship in the Chickasaw Nation.  
Copied on this yhe 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of July 1896.

*This 29<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1896.*

*J. M. D. [Signature]*  
Notary Public for  
Southern District  
Indian Territory

Copy of Licenses

Office County Judge  
Tishomingo County  
C. N.

By virtue of authority vested in me by Law, I John E. Anderson County Judge  
of Tishomingo County C. N. Do this day grant unto J.W. Sparks a citizen  
of the United States a license to unite in the holy bonds of matrimony  
with Mrs. Sarah Colbert a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.  
A.D. 1880. Given under my hand this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 18

John E. Anderson  
County & Probate Judge  
T.C., C. N.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a copy of the license to be  
presented to the Hon. Dawes Commission as evidence in the claim of  
J.W. Sparks for citizenship in the Chickasaw Nation.

*This 29<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1884*

*J. M. Dougherty*  
Notary Public for  
Southern District  
Indian Territory

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT  
INDIAN TERRITORY

THE  
" *John H. H. H. H.*

solemnly swear that I am *40* years old that I am a citizen of  
the United States that my place of residence is Elmore Ind. Ter.  
That I am personally acquainted with J. W. Sparks of near  
Pauls Valley Ind. Ter. That I was personally acquainted with  
Mrs. Sarah Colbert of ~~Elmore Ind. Ter.~~ *Chickasaw Nation*  
That I know of my own knowledge that the said Sarah Colbert  
and the said J. W. Sparks were married according to the law  
of the Chickasaw Nation on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1880.  
That the J. W. Sparks of near Pauls Valley I.T. is the same  
J. W. Sparks who married to the said Sarah Colbert as afore  
said. That the said J. W. Sparks has lived single ever since  
the separation from the said Sarah Colbert (Sparks) in July  
A.D. 1880.

Signed *John H. H. H.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me at my office in Elmore I.T.  
on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1880.

*John H. H. H.*  
Notary Public Southern Dist.  
Indian Territory.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT ) ss.  
INDIAN TERRITORY

*Shocho-Tau-Nah-ah*  
I *Jacob M. M. M.* solemnly swear that I am *30* years old that I am a citizen of the United States that my post office is Elmore Ind. Ter. That I am personally acquainted with J. V. Sparks of near Pauls Valley Ind. Ter. That I was personally acquainted with Mrs. Sarah Colbert of Wichenia Mill Creek Chickasaw Nation That I know of my own knowledge that the said Sarah Colbert and the said J.V. Sparks were married according to the law of the Chickasaw Nation on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1888. That the J.V. Sparks of near Pauls Valley I.T. is the same J.V. Sparks who married to the said Sarah Colbert as afore said. That the said J.V. Sparks has lived single ever since the separation from the said Sarah Colbert (Sparks) in July A.D. 1888.

*signed & attested*  
Signed

Subscribed and sworn to before me at my office in Elmore I.T. on this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1891.

*Asst. Secy.*  
Notary Public Southern Dist.  
Indian Territory.

**End**

W. M. Sparks  
#358

W. M. Sparks

BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*W. M. Sparks*, Applicant for enrollment as a member of the ~~Choctaw~~ *Chickasaw* Tribe of Indians.

YOUR APPLICANT, *W. M. Sparks*, respectfully represents to this Honorable Commission that he is a regularly recognized member of the ~~Choctaw~~ *Chickasaw* Tribe of Indians of the Indian Territory and is a bona fide resident of the ~~Choctaw~~ *Chickasaw* Nation and is entitled to be placed upon the rolls being prepared by this Honorable Commission, as a member of said Choctaw Tribe or Nation, for the following reasons to-wit:

1st. There is no correct and perfect roll of the members of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, and no law or authority for the Choctaw Nation to make such rolls.

2nd. Your applicant was on the *27*<sup>th</sup> day of *May* 1894, a citizen of the United States and a white man, and resident of the *Chickasaw* Nation married to *Zuliska Sparks, nee Zulka Walls* (*Zuliska Davenport*) who was then and is now a regularly recognized member by blood of the said Choctaw Tribe of Indians, a copy of the marriage license and the certificate of marriage is hereto attached and marked exhibits "A" and "B" and made a part hereof.

3rd. By virtue of said marriage your applicant became a member of the said tribe of Indians and has ever since been so recognized by the other members of the said nation and his membership has never been denied or forfeited.

Your applicant files herewith the affidavit of *Rebecca McAlister* As additional proof of the membership of his wife *Zuliska Sparks* nee *Zulka Walls* (*Davenport*) And asks that his name be placed upon the roll as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *31st* day of *Aug* 1896.

*R. B. Horvath*  
Notary Public for the ~~Central District of the Indian~~  
County of *Cooke* +  
State of *Texas*

*Copy*



BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of  
*W. M. Sparks*, Applicant for  
enrollment as a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

ON THIS the *3d* day of *September* 1896, personally appeared  
before me the undersigned authority, *Rebecca McAllister* who,  
having been by me first duly sworn according to law states on his oath as follows  
to-wit:

"I am *54* years old, am a resident of *Totuckney* county of  
the Choctaw nation and am a member of the Choctaw nation. I am acquainted with  
the applicant, *W. M. Sparks* and have known him dur-  
ing the last past *—* years. I know his wife *Julia Sparks*  
and have known her *from childhood* years. I knew her father and  
mother and know *her father* and her to be members, by blood, of the Choctaw Tribe of  
Indians and they are so recognized by other members of the said Tribe. Ever since  
the applicant married said *Julia Sparks* he has been re-  
cognized as a member of the said Choctaw Tribe and his right has never been  
disputed.

Mrs. *Julia Sparks* was before her marriage  
to the applicant *Guadalupe Walls*, being the  
daughter of *David Walls* and  
*Nancy Walls* *Texas*

The applicant is now a resident of the Choctaw nation.

*Rebecca McAllister*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *2* day of  
*Sept* 1896.

*Seal*

*C. J. Watson*  
Notary Public for the Central District of the Indian Territory.

*Copy*

W. M. Sparks

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Member of the  
Inter-married  
Citizens Association

{ Chickasaw Nation }  
{ County of Pickens }

To my Judge of the County or  
District Court, ordained Minister  
of the Gospel  
and for the said County of  
Pickens stating I am hereby  
authorized to solemnize the rite of  
matrimony between Mr J. M.  
Sparks and Mrs Gulicka Downport  
and make the return to the clerk  
of the County Court within thirty  
days thereafter Testimony given  
before me as Minister

Witness my official signature  
and seal of office Pickens County  
Court house this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 1894  
Isaac C Lewis

Judge County Court Pickens Co

I Christian Minister hereby certify  
that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1894 I united  
in marriage J. M. Sparks and Gulicka  
Downport the above named persons  
Witness my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1894  
John M Claypool

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Filed for record 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1894  
Recorded 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1894  
B. F. Reynolds Clerk  
( Chickasaw Nation Ind Ter )  
( County of Pickens )

I B. F. Reynolds  
Clerk of the County Court of Pickens  
County Chickasaw Nation Ind Ter  
do certify that the foregoing was  
true filed for record and correctly  
recorded in page 260 in General  
Records of Pickens County O. N.  
Witness my hand and seal of said  
County at office of Pickens County  
this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1894

B. F. Reynolds  
County Clerk of Pickens County  
Chickasaw Nation



**End**

Terel Spivey

Terel Spivey

Spivey, Terel,  
Spivey, Walter,  
Spivey, John,  
Spivey, Fabian,  
Spivey, Tessy,  
Spivey, Levy,  
Spivey, Dawson,  
Spivey, Elder

To The Governor of The  
Choctaw Nation

In the Matter of the Claim  
of Jereb Spicer for citizen-  
ship for himself and his  
children in the Choctaw Nation

The Applicant would  
show for his claim that he  
is 33 years old and that  
his Post office is Standing Pine  
Miss. and that the names  
and ages of his children  
will appear below

The Applicant shows  
further for his Claim that he  
is a Choctaw Indian by blood  
to wit; that he is the  
son of Fannie Casher and  
that she is the daughter  
of William Casher who  
was a Choctaw Indian  
of the full blood.

The Applicant  
shows that the names  
and ages of his children  
who are now living with  
him are as follows to wit:



Walter Spivey age 16 years  
John Spivey age 13 years,  
Fabian Spivey age 10 years  
Isaac Spivey age 8 years, Elder  
Spivey age 6 years, Levy  
Spivey age 3 years, Dawson  
age 10 months

The Applicant would  
ask the Commission to place  
him and his said children  
on the roll of citizenship  
to be prepared by said  
Commission for the Cho-  
ctaw Nation & to confer  
Citizenship on them in the  
said Choctaw Nation on the  
grounds stated above

Terrel<sup>us</sup> Spivey  
mark

Subscribed & Sworn to  
before me this 7 day  
of Sept 1896

F. P. Bowie  
Clk

State of Miss.  
Leah County

Personally appeared  
before me the undersigned  
Circuit Clerk in & for said  
County J. T. Page and  
Davis Bedford Corbitt witnesses  
who being first duly sworn State  
upon oath that they are acquaint-  
ed with said Spring whose application  
for citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation is herewith appended and  
that he & his mother have always  
been known and reputed as  
Choctaw Indians by blood of the  
lineage set forth in said  
Application & that they verily  
believe said Spring to be of  
the blood as aforesaid and  
all other matters & facts set  
out in said Application they  
<sup>State</sup> believe to be true & that applicants  
are not related to said Spring by  
blood or consanguinity & are not  
in any way interested in his  
said claim - J. T. Page

Davis Bedford Corbitt

Subscribed & sworn to before me

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1896 J. P. Bourne Clerk

**End**

John S. Spring  
#279

John S. Spring



. Spring, John S.,  
Spring, (wife of John S.)  
Spring, Angus A.,  
Spring, (five children of  
Angus A., and wife of  
Angus A., not named)  
Spring, John F.,  
Spring, Nello Vern,  
Spring, Jewel Tohoma,  
Spring, Myrtis <sup>Maurice</sup> ~~Mammie~~,  
Spring, Glarus T.,  
Spring, Ola C.,  
Spring, Bertha Roberta,  
Spring, <sup>Zula</sup> ~~Zula~~ Z.,  
Spring, Barthola P.,  
Spring, Artie M.,  
Spring, Bessie Tola,  
Spring, <sup>Pangus</sup> ~~Pango~~ G.,  
Spring, Rubel H.,

Copy

Application for citizenship of  
John S. Spring and his usual attendants

The Commissioners of the Dakota  
Native Indian Territory.

The undersigned nation of  
John S. Spring, would respectfully  
show that his six children are  
composed of five boys and one  
minor that in <sup>the</sup> ~~four~~ <sup>five</sup> boys viz  
James H. John H. Papyrus G. Bartola  
P. have married and have borne  
issue and heirs as follows James  
H. Spring has five children one male  
and four females names unknown  
to your jurisdiction John H. Spring has  
three children one male named  
Will born April 3 years two females  
named Jewell Thomas April 7 years  
Myrtis Maunee April 4 years  
Papyrus G. has three children one  
male and two females named Ole  
L. April 2 years Bertha Roberta April  
8 years Julia J. April 6 years  
Bartola P. has two children two  
females named Artie M. April 5 years  
& Beanie Dala April 2 years That  
said children as well as the direct

Children of your Applicant are lineal  
descendants of Nina Morris and of  
Choctaw Indian blood

Therefore your Applicant  
prays that that they may be  
recognized and with their respective  
fathers be granted the rights of  
Citizenship in the Indian Territory

John S. Spring  
In propria persona

I certify that the above named  
John S. Spring is to me a person well  
known and in my opinion is a  
credible person and his statements  
are to be received with full faith  
and credit.

For Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 1896

L. A. Dickham

Clerk of Court

State of Louisiana }  
Parish of Washington }

I hereby certify that L. A. Dickham is  
Clerk of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of  
the Parish of Washington and that the  
same is a Court of record and that  
the signature & impression of the  
the proper and genuine signature of  
the said L. A. Dickham Clerk of said  
Court that his attestation is in full form  
of law and entitled to full faith and  
credit as such

August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1896

M. W. Davis

Judge J. B. R. R. R.

I Louis A. Richardson clerk of the 14<sup>th</sup>  
Judicial District Court of Louisiana  
Parish of Washington  
hereby certify that Court R. R. R. is  
the presiding judge of said District  
Court and that his signature to the above  
is genuine and correct  
Aug. 11, 1896 L. A. Richardson  
Clerk Court



Application for Citizen Ship of  
John S Spring -

To the Hon. The Commissioners of the  
Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory,  
Suntamen, the undersigned petitioner  
for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation  
in the Indian Territory in accordance with  
the laws and Constitution of said Nation  
and respectively makes the following  
statement of the grounds of his application  
to-wit: The petitioner is a descendant of  
Anna Morris, who was a full blooded -  
Choctaw Indian and the Grand father of  
petitioner, that she was the mother of Henry  
Franklin who was a half blood Indian  
and the Grandfather of petitioner, he was  
the father of Mary Franklin who was  
one quarter Indian blood and the mother  
of petitioner by his father William Spring  
My age is 68; Post-Office Peace Grove, Tangipahoa  
Parish Louisiana My family consists  
of a wife and six children, to-wit:  
Angus A. John F. Glarus J. Angus G.  
Bart. P. Rubel H. all of whom except the  
last one of age -

In witness of which application I herewith  
set my hand on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August  
1896.

John S Spring

Subscribed & sworn to before me  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August-1886

H. R. HARRIS

Clerk of 16<sup>th</sup> Jud. Dist Court - Parish of St. Tammany  
La

Testimony of Witness

Gilley Astabro

that he is Turky Five

(25)

he is a full Blood Choctaw Indian

It is

John D Spring

that he is a full Blood Choctaw Indian

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that he is a full Blood Choctaw Indian

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Chacama

*[Faint handwritten notes]*

John S. Spring  
 says that the river is so low that it is to be expected  
 that the water will be low for some time.  
 John S.  
 Spring

Witnesses  
H. M. Merritt  
J. J. Cusack

Billings <sup>King</sup> ~~Costa~~ <sup>Stable</sup>  
Parsonville



August 6

1876

Wiley Roberts

1876

to H. H. Brown

Blair, Iowa

Alvin - O. Utner

State of Louisiana

Parish of St. Tammany

Before me, the undersigned Clerk of  
Court and in Office, today called in  
and on the 1st day of August 1901  
before me appeared Jackson Jim  
who after being by me  
duly sworn stated that he is fifty seven  
(57) years of age and a citizen of  
the State of Louisiana and that he is a full Blood Choctaw Indian and is  
personally acquainted with

John S. Spring

who is an applicant for citizenship in  
the Choctaw Nation, A.T. and who  
further stated that the said John S.  
Spring is the identical person who  
himself said to him his

application for citizenship in  
said Nation and that said John  
S. Spring is a descendant of  
Mina Morris who was a full  
Blood Choctaw Indian

Affiant further states that ... has  
 known the said John S Spring  
 for the past (50) years and knows that  
 John S Spring has been recognized and  
 treated by his neighbors, acquaintance  
 and the public generally as a person  
 having Choctaw Indian blood  
 and the complexion and physical ap-  
 pearance of the said John S Spring  
 is of Indian blood. That from  
 the above facts and circumstances and  
 statements made to me  
 by the said John S Spring  
 Affiant is of the opinion that he <sup>has even reason</sup>  
 to believe and does believe, <sup>& know</sup> that the said  
 John S Spring is of Choctaw Indian blood  
 & says that he knows Spring's Mother & Grand Mother to be Choctaw  
 Affiant further states that he has  
 no interest whatever in the prosecution  
 of the claim of the said John S Spring  
 to citizenship in the  
 Nation of

Witness  
 J. H. Cusack.  
 H. McVerry

Jackson <sup>his</sup> James  
 wife

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this nineteenth (19) day of August  
A.D. 1896. and I further certify  
that I am well acquainted with the  
said Jackson firm  
and know him to be a  
person of credibility and of truth and  
sincerity  
H R Warren  
Clerk and Ex Officio Notary Public

I hereby certify that H R Warren is the  
Clerk of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of  
the Parish of St. Tammany and that the  
same is a court of record and that the  
signature H R Warren is the proper and  
genuine signature of the said H R Warren  
Clerk of said Court, that his attestation  
is in due form of law and entitled to  
full faith and credit as such.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1896.

Not. H. H. H.  
Judge of 16<sup>th</sup> Jud. Dist. of St.



State of Louisiana  
Parish of Washington

I Louis A. Bickham Clerk of the 16<sup>th</sup>  
Judicial District Court of Louisiana for the  
Parish of Washington hereby certify that  
said District is composed of five Parishes  
that Washington and St. Tammany are two  
of the five Parishes composing said  
District, that Robt. H. Biell is the presiding  
Judge of said District and that H. H. Warren  
is the Clerk of St. Tammany Parish, that  
the signatures appearing in this document  
of H. H. Warren as Clerk of Court are genuine  
and correct and that the signature of  
Robt. H. Biell Judge is genuine and  
correct.

This August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1884

L. A. Bickham  
Clerk Court for  
Washington Parish, La.

Choctaw Nation } Personally appeared  
Indian Territory } before me A. Telle  
who after being  
by me duly sworn says on  
oath my name is A. Telle  
I reside in Atoka Indian Ter-  
ritory I am 87 years old I am  
a full Blood Choctaw Indian  
I have filled several official  
positions in the Choctaw Nation  
I was National Secretary of the  
Choctaw Nation for 3 years and  
as such became familiar with  
all the Citizenship Cases since  
I am personally acquainted with George  
Isaacs. I examined him as a witness  
in the case of A. A. Spring for citi-  
zenship in the Choctaw Nation before  
the Choctaw Citizenship Committee  
and he George Isaacs is a full blood  
Choctaw Indian and speaks the English  
Language very badly & broken and is un-  
educated and could not sign his  
name had to make his mark when  
signing his name He lives in  
Tangipahoa Parish Louisiana  
he testifies I am satisfied from his  
evidence that there is no doubt <sup>as to</sup> ~~this~~  
(see) A. A. Spring being an Indian Choctaw Indian  
A. Telle

sworn and subscribed to before me  
this the 32<sup>d</sup> day of Sept. 1896 -

J. A. Chambers  
N.P.

seal

State of Louisiana Parish of Tangipahoa  
Testimony taken at the request of  
Angus Adairka Spring in support  
of his application for Membership and  
Citizenship of the Choctaw Nation  
of the Indian Territory  
Henry F. Spring being first duly  
sworn says that he is a resident  
of the Parish of Tangipahoa and  
State of Louisiana that he is  
sixty four years of age and is  
well acquainted with Angus Adair-  
ka Spring who is in the twenty eighth  
year of his age is also well ac-  
quainted with his father John S.  
Spring who is deponent's brother  
deponent's father William Spring  
Grand father of said Angus Adairka  
Spring died in the Parish of Tangipahoa  
in the year 1876 at the age of Eighty  
one years was also well acquainted  
with Mary Spring who was the wife  
of John Spring deceased and  
Mother of this deponent and Grand  
Mother of said Angus Adairka Spring  
Deponent further says that a tradition  
has always prevailed in his family that  
they were of Choctaw Indian origin  
says that he has heard his mother say  
that her Ancesters in one line were



Choctaw Indians and that Great Grand-  
father was a half Choctaw and his  
Mother a Choctaw woman of  
full ~~of~~ full blood. It has always  
been held and said that the ~~Chung~~  
were of mixed <sup>Indian</sup> blood and this fact  
is generally conceded from the features  
and physical appearance of the elder  
members of the family and the same  
features and appearance distinguish  
some of the younger members. Witness  
says by feature and appearance as above  
used it means a striking resemblance  
(including complexion) to the Choctaw  
Indians. The fact of the family being  
bath of Indian blood is believed  
throughout the County where they are  
known and has never been seen. Witness  
also says that there is a tradition  
that Father ~~Wm~~ Spring deceased was united  
by a descendant from Indians  
Sworn to and sub- } Henry F. Spring  
scribed to before this }

30<sup>th</sup> January A.D.

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D. A. Vernon  
Clerk.

(Seal)

John S Spring being duly sworn, says  
that he is a resident of the Parish of  
Washington State of Louisiana is  
Sixty Two years of age and the  
father of Angus Adalaska Spring  
who is in the twenty fifth year of  
his age. Witness says he has frequently  
been told by his mother Mary Spring  
deceased that her great Grand father  
was an half Choctaw Indian and that  
the mother of her great Grand father  
was a Choctaw Indian Indian  
of full blood.

He says that there has  
always been a tradition that his  
family descendants of Choctaw Indians  
on his mother's side, and it is generally  
believed that they of Indian origin.  
This belief is supported by the fact that  
there is a strong resemblance in the  
Spring family to the Choctaw Indians  
both in features and complexion. This  
resemblance is more striking in some  
members of the family than others.  
Their descent from the Choctaw Indians  
is generally believed and has never been  
denied. Angus Adalaska Spring was  
born in St Tammany Parish was raised  
in Washington Parish and for some

years past has been a resident of the  
Parish of Tangipahoa  
sworn to and subscribed } John S. Spring  
before me this 30<sup>th</sup> }  
January. A D 1883  
D. W. Vernon  
Clerk.

Seal

Galmar B Spring being sworn says that  
he is the son of William Spring and  
Mary Spring deceased the Grand father  
and Grand Mother of Angus Adalste Spring  
says further that he has been informed  
that his said parents were descendants  
from American Indians and has been  
told by his mother that she was part-  
ly of Choctaw Indian blood  
Witness was fourteen years old when  
his mother died remembers her well  
and remembers distinctly hearing her  
speak of having Indian blood. The  
fact of the Spring family being partly  
Indian is generally <sup>believed</sup> known in the  
Community where they live is often  
spoken of and no attempt has ever been  
made to conceal it. And it has never  
been doubted. This belief is strongly  
sustained by the personal appearance  
features and complexion of the defendant  
members of the family

Sworn to and subscribed } G. B. Spring  
before me this 20<sup>th</sup>

January A. D. 1883

D. A. Vernon  
Clerk.



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Boliver Edwards. being sworn says that he is forty six years of age that he is a native of the Parish of Tangipahoa State of Louisiana and has resided all his life in said Parish except for a few short periods when he resided in the adjoining Parishes of Washington & St. Tammany that he is a Lawyer by profession has been a member of the Louisiana State Legislature was District Atty. for six years in the Judicial District embracing said three Parishes and by reason his official position and ~~that~~ the practice of his profession he has enjoyed great facilities for becoming acquainted with the people of this section of the Country and of <sup>acquiring</sup> a knowledge of their affairs &c.

Witness says that he is well acquainted with the Spring family and has known them all his life. the said family is one of good standing and respectability in this Community. Has always been told that they were of Choctaw Indian Origin. The tradition and belief that they were descended from Indians is wide spread and often mentioned and no acquainted with them who has seen

Choctaw Indians doubt their Indian  
Origin in their personal appearance  
features and complexion they resemble  
is strong. Marked. The father of  
Witness died a few years ago 1877  
at the age of ninety years and  
Witness has heard him and others old  
persons speak of the tradition that  
the Sping family were of Indian  
descent. In fact it was never doubted  
in this country. The Sping family  
referred to above is the one of  
which Angus Adelska Sping is  
a member. Witness was well acquainted with  
Wm Sping deceased grand father of said  
Angus Adelska Sping and knows that the remnant  
of Choctaw Indians in this country lived on  
the land of said Wm Sping. were often at his  
house and between said Sping and said Indians  
there always existed and still exist a close intimacy  
and friendship which grew out of the fact that  
the Indians regarded the Spings as fellow  
Indians. Witness says that he has no interest in  
the matter or purpose for which this testimony  
is taken.

Bohaver Edwards

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 22 January  
A.D. 1883.

D. A. Vernon  
Clerk

D. C. Vernon being told by the wife  
that he is well known to the  
the Spruce family and has known  
them all his life and that he  
raised with them and has  
known them and has been  
known all his life.

Witness has been told  
by his parents and others  
that the Spruce family is of  
Indian origin. The name  
has been through the country  
was that they were descended  
from the Choctaw Indians  
and any one who has been  
told that the name is of  
Indian origin, and that  
they resemble Choctaw Indians  
in some of their appearance  
to Choctaw Indians are strongly  
marked. The Spruce mentioned  
above is the one of which

Angus Adair's Spring  
is a member.

Witness was intimately ac-  
quainted with H<sup>m</sup> Spring & de-  
ceased, grand father of Angus  
Adair's Spring. & knew him



all my life up to the time of his  
death, and know that Indians  
camped and lived on his <sup>Spring</sup> lands  
ever since I  
can remember. Witness is  
thirty-eight years of age  
Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 3rd Feb. } E. A. [unclear]  
A. D. 1883

Jas. M. Thompson.

Judge of 18th Jud. District  
of La., State of Louisiana Parish  
of Tangipahoa.

I hereby certify that all the  
foregoing witnesses are credibly  
known to me as persons of  
veracity that D. J. Vernon, clerk  
of the 8th Judicial District  
for the State of Louisiana  
Parish of Tangipahoa, that I have known  
the family of Springs of which [unclear]  
adla Springs is a member for over thirty  
years have always heard that said [unclear]  
Indian blood in their veins and that personal [unclear]  
ance of many members of the family shows  
their Indian origin the fact of their descent  
from Indian ancestors has never been [unclear]  
to my knowledge

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1883.

Jas. M. Thompson

Judge of 18th Jud. Dist. of La.

(Seal)



[illegible]

and always said & acknowledged to me  
of Choctaw origin and always had a gang of Indi-  
ans at his house and always entertained them  
and always acknowledged to be a descendant  
of their tribe and from her general  
knowledge and having been raised with  
their family she was no doubt their true  
of Choctaw Indian descent.

Sworn & subscribed to

before me on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of

Jan. 1853.

for  
G. P. Hall

J. P. Hall

Notary Public

State of Louisiana) Clerk & Recorder  
Parish of Tangipahoa)

I Victor Gustain the duly commis-  
sed Sept. Clerk in & for Tangipahoa Parish  
do hereby certify that J. P. Hall whose  
signature appears to the within testimony  
testimony was at the signing & was  
a duly-qualified Notary Public in &  
for the Parish of Tangipahoa. that his  
signature thereto is genuine & correct  
& that full faith & credit ought & must  
be given all his acts as such.

In faith whereof I grant my official  
hand & seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Feby. 1853

V. Gustain

By J. P. H.

Geo. T. Spring being sworn, says, <sup>and says to</sup> in 5<sup>th</sup>  
years of age, <sup>and says to</sup> Spring & John E. Spring,  
and after reading their testimony in  
regard to our parents being of Indian  
or give without repeating their words and  
to abbreviate my testimony which is the  
same substance as theirs in addition  
we say that I remember both of my grand-  
fathers and one of my grandmothers and  
that they were of dark complexion and  
one of them grand father Spring spoke broken  
in many words, they originally came  
from the Indians to this state I think  
in about the year 1812. my grand father  
Franklin removed to Kan. in Santa Fe.  
about the year 1827 or 28 and have been  
told to what was called the purchase as  
that portion of the State had been purchased  
of the Choctaw Indians. In 1840 when I  
was a boy fourteen years old I was at  
my grand father Franklin's and stay-  
ed some two months on a visit, while  
there there was a great many Indians  
camped on his place. My two uncles James  
and Elton Franklin spoke the Choctaw  
language. also one or two of my aunts  
~~spoke this~~ to some extent. I have heard  
my grand father Franklin was one  
of the heirs to a large extent of Territory  
lying in Buncombe County & some other

counties in New Carolina and one or two counties  
in South Carolina being on the state line being on  
the state line and partly in both states I do not  
now remember. The counties embraced it was a de-  
claration made in the United States to the Indians  
John & Franklin being we urged to proceed &  
prosecute their claim ~~about~~ about the year 1853.  
I was told but having abandoned it ~~being~~ <sup>being</sup> to the  
extent. Indian names have been retained in our  
family. I have one sister named Alice Forbush,  
The Indians that lived on my father's line  
with his first mother on my father's line  
and they now live on my line. In a way  
was & otherwise our family is tantarized as being  
half Indian origin. By certain families with  
our origin which we never denied or tried  
disown but on the contrary we repeat in our blood

I was to & subscribed

before me this ~~24th~~ 8th / S. R. Spring

Feb. 8. A. D. 1883.

V. Castiano.

By Clerk



George Isaac being a young man  
about 15 years of age, was born and  
lived on the Spring place in this  
Parish. I am a full blood Choctaw  
Indian, I was well acquainted with  
the Spring family & lived on his  
place till his death in 86. After  
which the Spring gave me land  
and I now live on his place &  
know that his Indians lived on  
the Spring place and that  
there always seemed to be a  
strong attachment between him  
and the Indians for which cause I  
have always understood that the  
Spring family was part Indian  
and which fact they never denied  
I have always heard that they were  
mixed with Indian, They have a  
strong resemblance to the Indians  
In fact some members of the family  
are very dark with black straight  
hair and eyes, I never have seen  
any of the family but what had  
black eyes, even the grand &  
great grand children, When we  
had our dances the family always  
attended and some of the younger

once took part in the dances. sometimes  
he furnished us with some provisions such  
as beef, pork &c for the occasion of the same  
all which sometimes a week & more  
near people say the spring. I have  
seen the Indians & know that they  
always assisted the Indians of this  
tribe into and out of the

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tribe into and out of the  
tribe into and out of the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 1853. George X. H. 1853.  
his  
mark  
J. V. Castana  
Dy. Clerk.

State of Louisiana, Burke office 8th Jud-  
icial District,  
District Court of La.

I, Daniel A. Thomas, clerk of the 8th  
Judicial District Court & for the  
purpose of this habeas ad liberandum  
writ that I am well acquainted  
with the O. H. Spring, John H. Spring,  
J. F. Spring, and Doctor H. C. Spring.  
I am not responsible  
for the belief that their  
oaths duly sworn by me and gave  
their depositions in Louisiana  
as set forth as above set forth  
written signed and that their  
signatures there to are genuine  
that J. P. Hall before whom the  
deposition of John H. Spring and  
Doctor H. C. Spring was taken  
at the time of taking said  
depositions was duly qualified  
to take said depositions and that  
the signatures of witnesses  
therein above is genuine. That  
John H. Spring and Doctor H. C. Spring  
are persons well known to me  
and credible witnesses that J. Cas-  
tano before whom the testimony  
of O. H. Spring & Doctor H. C. Spring was tak-  
en was at the time of taking the  
same duly qualified and  
acting as such. I am in my office  
as authorized by law to do.

The above is a true and correct copy of the original as shown to me by said witness.

I, J. H. Smith, Clerk of the Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as shown to me by said witness.

J. H. Smith  
Clerk of the Court

Witness my hand and seal at the City of New York, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 1863.

J. L. Vernon.

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I have been married 27 years  
 and have 12 children. I have  
 10 of them had children among them  
 10 more. I have 10 more married and  
 10 more children. I have 10 more  
 children. I have 10 more children. I have 10 more children.

Sum. to subscribed ~~1877~~  
— on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept.  
1877.

Rev. J. Morgan.  
Leath.

Here we certify that the foregoing is a true  
& correct copy from the original of  
Chief Justice Charles L. D. Young for  
the Choctaw Nation. This is  
the same as of National Council at  
Tushkatomma the capital of the <sup>Choctaw</sup> Nation.  
Witness my hand and Great Seal  
of the Choctaw Nation this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August  
A. D. 1890.

(over)

J. B. Jackson.  
National Secretary  
Choctaw Nation.

State of Texas. Personally appeared before me, County of Montague, Texas, Notary Public, and to Montague County, Texas, James B. Spring, a resident of the city of Norman, Montague, Texas, who after being duly sworn, deposes and says that he was born & raised in Washington Parish, La. & has never lived in said Parish, and that at the time of A. H. Taunman's death he was 1882, in which said year he moved to the Co. of Montague, State of Tex. & has since become acquainted with the members of the Spring family, and that he well acquainted with H. H. Spring & wife, and with the grand father & grand mother of James H. Spring, and also of Maud & Helen Spring who is now the wife of Ed. Matter and the mother of the child named Marge, aged 2 years. The 21<sup>st</sup> of May 1896, said H. H. Spring & wife are the parents of Henry, Geo. John, James, James & Samuel Spring, and John Spring is one of the sons of H. H. Spring & wife, is the father of Angus Alexander Spring & James H. Spring now the son of H. H. Spring & wife Mary Spring is the father Maud & Helen Spring now the wife of Ed. Matter, now residing in Ed. Co. Affiant, & Henry, & James Spring went to school to father at Franklin La. in the years 1859, 1860 & 1861. The Spring family was recognized and often called mixed blood by the people many people in La.



in those days I was a young man and was a victim  
of the same as inferior & of a lower race & better than  
that of the whites & I have often seen & since I have  
mistreated by the whites on account of their color & the  
of entire bloody & I have seen the Indian blood  
much more than any of the other nations. I have seen  
the Indians of the same kind as the Indian blood  
many of the same kind as the Indian blood  
in was not a very high, very dark complexion, like the  
complexion of the other nations which I have seen & could not see  
and I have never seen that of the other nations in this  
land. I have been united with the Indians in the land in which  
I have been in the state of Texas and I have seen  
the same kind of the Indians of the same kind as the Indian blood  
and I have often seen the same kind of the Indian blood  
and I have not considered it any more than the  
Indian blood & considered them as good as myself.  
The Spring of the Indians is in the Indian blood  
and I have often seen the same kind of the Indian blood  
and I have not considered it any more than the  
Indian blood & considered them as good as myself.  
The Spring of the Indians is in the Indian blood  
and I have often seen the same kind of the Indian blood  
and I have not considered it any more than the  
Indian blood & considered them as good as myself.

Witness my hand & subscribed to J. O. F. W.  
before me this Aug. 11th

P. B. Motter  
Notary Public in  
& for Montague Co. Tex.

An order was given  
 to the clerk to have the  
 court room in the  
 Third Floor - 100 - 101 - 102

By the Hon. Secy. of the Navy

State of Texas. Before me, J. G. [unclear] [unclear]  
County of [unclear] County Court of [unclear] [unclear]  
noticed [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
State of Texas [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
in the Parish of [unclear] [unclear] about 2 1/2 to 3 miles from  
the city of [unclear] [unclear] of same water [unclear] [unclear]  
in the year 1877 when he emigrated to [unclear]  
in the County State of Texas [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] on or about [unclear] [unclear]  
1877 that he has resided in said city of [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
from Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1877 to Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1878 [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
that on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1878 he was elected by the [unclear]  
of [unclear] to serve as Clerk of the [unclear]  
Court of said Co. & has been [unclear] [unclear]  
office seven consecutive <sup>terms</sup> [unclear] & is now  
serving his sixteenth year as such [unclear]  
that he is acquainted with the country [unclear] [unclear]  
people in the Parish of [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
of La. having married in said Parish in March  
1867 [unclear] [unclear] which time he [unclear] [unclear]  
maintained with the family of [unclear] [unclear]  
though the lady who he married & who [unclear]  
afterwards married James C. [unclear]  
of the said [unclear] [unclear] that he moved to the  
Parish of [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] a  
mile of the said [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
& about 4 miles from [unclear] at [unclear] [unclear]

[illegible]



Section of Country they were Choctaw  
I think. ~~They~~ There was also a part  
of the same tribe at one old Town on  
the edge of Lake Pontchartrain known  
as Covington. Mr. Spring granted to  
the Indians a part of his Land which  
was used by them as a camp I have  
passed thro' the Camp often and  
I have heard ~~them~~ their lamentations on  
death of a member of their Band  
and their dancing & singing when days  
of Mourning was over. Each member  
of the Spring Family bear the features  
of the Indians and though whatever of  
white blood they had their Indian features  
predominated Swarthy complexion black  
eyes long straight black hair such in  
natural disposition and traits Choctaw  
resembles the Indians James L. Spring  
one of the sons of Wm & his wife  
Mary married Cornelia Bunch who  
was a sister of my first wife and there  
was born to them one child a girl  
Maudie Hellen Spring, who is now a wife  
of Ed Mattox and who are now residing  
at Caddo in the Indian Territory  
and has had born unto her one child  
a girl named Madge age now about  
2 1/2 years of age John Spring also  
a son of Wm Spring & Mary Spring  
agreesaid and a brother of James L. Spring  
is the father of Angus Adalaska Spring  
and these two as well as each member  
of said family. I have known personally

and intimacy since 1876.

J. F. Lilly  
now to and subscribed before this  
August 11<sup>th</sup> 1896

C. J. Thompson  
County Clerk Cook Co. Texas

State of Texas.  
County of Cook, J. P. Hall Judge of the County  
Court of said County which is  
a court of records do hereby Certify that  
C. J. Thompson whose name is subscribed  
to the annexed and foregoing instrument  
was at the date of the same and is now  
a clerk of the same Court in and  
for said County duly commissioned and  
qualified and authorized by law to administer  
oaths and take acknowledgments of in-  
strument and full faith and credit are due  
to all his official acts as such and  
I do further Certify that the signature  
attached to the annexed instrument  
is his proper signature and is genuine  
in witness where of I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed the seal of the  
said County Court at my Office  
In Gainesville this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August  
A. D. 1896.

J. P. Hall  
Judge of the County Court  
of Cook County Texas

Hector Mear } Person appearing  
County of Montague } before R. B. Mottor a  
Notary Public in and for Montague Co  
Tex & Angus Adalaska Spring who  
after being duly sworn came on  
 oath of me the Angus Adalaska  
Spring now making application before  
the Laws Commission to be enrolled  
as an Choctaw Indian I am  
acquainted with Maud Helen  
Mottor who is an other applicant  
she is my cousin, my father  
John A. Spring and her father who  
is James T. Spring are brothers  
both the sons of J. M. Spring and  
wife Mary Spring J. M. Spring is  
Maud Helen Mottor's grand-father  
as well as that of mine and Mary  
Spring whose maiden name  
was Mary Franklin is my  
grandmother and also the grand  
mother of Maud Helen Mottor is  
a mother of one child a girl named  
Mudge about 2½ years old  
Angus Adalaska Spring  
sworn & subscribed to before  
me on this the 25th day  
of August 1896

(Seal)

R. B. Mottor  
Notary Public  
in and for Montague  
County Tex



Indian Territory } Personally appeared  
Chickasaw Nation } Before me a  
Notary Public

in and for the Southern  
Dist. Ind. Ter. H. J. Pool, who  
after being by me duly sworn  
and says and so that I am  
acquainted with Angus Adalasta  
Spring and his ancestors and  
have been for many years -  
and I know that his ancestors  
were of a cross between the  
whites and Indians I am ac-  
quainted with his mother she  
is a white woman and of  
the Cooper family a highly  
respectable white family and  
his Father John A. Spring who is  
a cross between the white and  
Indian race of people

H. J. Pool

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me a Notary Public in and  
for the Southern Dist. Ind. Ter.  
on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. A. D.  
1896. D. F. Redding, Notary Public  
S. D. I. T.



The State of Texas  
County of Montague. Personally  
appeared before me James  
Lundy Franklin who after  
being by me duly sworn deposes  
and says that he is (73)  
Seventy Three years of age  
and a resident of Garret County  
Texas, That Minna Morris  
a Full Blood Choctaw Indian woman  
married a man named  
Thomas Jefferson Franklin  
who was a white man with  
some Indian Blood in him 1/4  
they had (12) Twelve children  
one of which was named  
Henry Franklin who married  
a white woman named Sarah  
McGuire, and are my Parents,  
also one of their children  
was named James Baker  
Franklin who married Mary  
Chapman a white woman, and  
are the Parents of James  
Henry Franklin. William  
Blanchard Franklin, Thomas Harrison  
Franklin, Ben. and Bob Franklin, Sarah,  
more Elizabeth Smith Alice Adams.

Also, One Daughter Named  
Mary Franklin who married  
William Spring a white man  
with Indian blood in him  
to wit one Quarter.  
They Had (13) Thirteen  
Children One named John S  
Spring who married a white  
woman and had six children  
of which one is August  
Arriestra Spring, who is now  
an applicant for citizenship before  
the Dawes Commission in the  
Choctaw Nation, Also they had  
one son named James R Spring  
who married a white woman  
and had one child a girl  
named Maud Helen Spring  
who has married a white  
man named Ed Mattox  
Williams Spring and wife  
also had a Daughter named  
Betsey Spring who married  
a white man named James  
R Hosmer, And they had  
one son Francis William  
Hosmer, who is now an

applicant before the Dawes  
Commission for a citizenship  
in the Choctaw Nation. and  
it is Maud Helen Spring  
now Maud Helen Mattox  
J. L. Franklin

Sworn and subscribed to  
this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
August A D 1896

J. B. Mattox  
Notary Public in and  
for Montague County  
Tex

**End**



Angus Adakaska Spring

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Court no 107

Angus Adakaska Spring

To the Honorable

Commissioners of the General Land Office  
Washington D.C.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
John S. Spring, Esq.  
Attorney at Law  
St. Louis, Mo.

- ✓ Olaf Spring a female 15 years old,
- ✓ Edith Spring a female 12 years old

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Ear Spring a male 11 years old  
Bernice Spring a female 8 years old  
Leticia Spring a female 1 year old  
That his Kitiyemehi is disputed  
and denied by said tribe.

Petitioner further says that he applied  
for citizenship before the General Coun-  
cil of the Choctaw Nation on or about  
about 1887. That said application  
has never yet been finally acted upon.  
That petitioner was at said time  
but is a farmer in Pickens County  
Oklahoma Indian Territory. And  
has ever since been recognized as a  
Choctaw Indian and was admitted  
as such under him by the Governor  
and Agent Collector of the Choctaw  
Nation.

Petitioner is 35 years old and a  
resident of McIntosh County Texas.  
Petitioner further states that he has  
not to the best of his knowledge  
violated any of the laws governing  
the rights of Choctaw Indians or  
those claiming rights as such and  
that his name not appearing on the  
Rolls of Indians is no fault of his.

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Wherefore Petitioner herewith submits  
this application with the evidence here-  
to attached and Prays your Honors  
upon the final hearing hereof. His  
name and that of his children above-  
named be placed on the Rolls to be  
prepared, and applicants rights with  
those of his said children be determin-  
ed and for all other necessary orders  
and Decrees necessary and proper in  
the Premises

Angus Adalaska Spring  
Subscribed and  
sworn to before me this the 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of August A.D. 1896.

J. L. Raffolier

Notary Public

Remand for the Central District  
of the Eastern District  
My Commission Expires  
on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Nov 1897

Applicant Angus Adalaska Spring  
has five brothers namely  
John Thraulin  
Angus Gabella  
Bartola Piedras  
Felario Thuchusa  
and Ruble



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State of Louisiana Parish of Tangipahoa

Testimony taken at the request of Angus Adalaska Spring in support of his application for membership and citizenship of the Choctaw Nation of the Indian Territory

Henry F. Spring being first duly sworn says that he is a resident of the Parish of Tangipahoa in the State of Louisiana that he is fifty-four years old and is well acquainted with Angus Adalaska Spring who is now in the Twenty-fifth year of his age is also well acquainted with Father John A. Spring deponent's Brother Deponent's father William Spring Grand father of Angus Adalaska Spring died in the Parish of Tangipahoa in the year 1876 at the age of Eighty-one years was also well acquainted with Mary Spring who was the wife of William Spring deceased and Mother of his deponent and Grand Mother of said Angus ~~Angus~~ Adalaska Spring. Deponent further says that a tradition has always prevailed in his family that they were of Choctaw Indian origin. Says

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that he has often heard his mother say that her ancestors in one line were Choctaw-Indians and that her great grand father was a half Choctaw and his mother a ~~Choctaw~~ woman of full blood. It has always been held and said that ~~there~~ of mixed Indian blood and this fact is generally conceded from the features and physical appearance of the older members of the family and the same features and appearance distinguish some of the younger members. Witness by features and appearances as above used to mean a striking resemblance including complexion to the Choctaw Indians. The fact of the family being partially of Indian blood is believed throughout country where they are known and has never been denied. Witness also says that there is a tradition that his father ~~was~~ deceased was remotely a descendant of Indians.

Sworn to + subscribed  
before me this 30<sup>th</sup> Jan  
1883.

Henry F. Spring

D. A. Vernon  
Clerk.

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John S. Spring being duly sworn says that he is a resident of Louisiana is fifty two years of age and the father of Angus Adalaska Spring who is in the twenty fifth year of his age. Witness says he has frequently been told by his Mother Mary deceased that her great grand father was one half Choctaw Indian and that the mother of her great grand father was a Choctaw woman of full blood. He says that there has always been a tradition that his family were descendants of Choctaw Indians on his mother's side and it is generally believed that they are of Indian origin. This belief is supported by the fact that there is a strong resemblance in the Spring family to the Choctaw Indians both in features and complexion. This resemblance is more striking in some members of the family than others. Their descent from the Choctaws is generally believed and has never been denied. Angus Adalaska Spring was born in St. James Parish and for some years past has been a resident of the

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Parish of Tangipahoa.

known to and  
subscribed before  
me this 31<sup>st</sup> Jan  
-uary 1883

John S. Spring

G. A. Vernon  
Clerk.



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Gilmaree B Spring being sworn says  
 that he is the son of William Spring  
 and Mary Spring deceased the grand  
 father and grand mother of Angus  
 Calaska Spring. Says further that he  
 has been informed that his said  
 parents were descendants from American  
 Indians and has been told by his mother  
 that she was ~~was~~ partly of Choctaw In-  
 dian blood. Witness was fourteen  
 years old when his mother died  
 remembers her well and remembers  
 distinctly hearing her speak of having  
 Indian blood. The fact of the Spring  
 family being part Indian is generally  
 believed in the Community where they  
 live is often spoken of. No attempt  
 has ever been made to conceal it  
 and it has never been doubted. This  
 belief is strongly sustained by the  
 personal appearances features and  
 complexion of the different members  
 of the family.

Sworn to & Subscribed { G. B. Spring  
 before me this 30<sup>th</sup>

January, A.D. 1893

J. A. Vernon  
 Clerk.

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Bolivar Edwards being sworn says that he is forty six years <sup>age</sup> ~~old~~ that he is a native of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, and has resided all his life in said except for a few short periods when he resided in the adjoining Parishes of Washington and St Tammany. That he is a Lawyer by profession has been a member of the Louisiana State Legislature was District Attorney for six years in the Judicial District embracing said three Parishes and by reason his official position and the practice of his profession he has enjoyed great facilities for becoming acquainted with people of this section country and of acquiring a knowledge of their Affairs &c. Witness says that he is well acquainted with the Spring family and has known them all his life the said family is one of good standing and respectability in this community has always been told that they were of descended from Choctaw Indian. The tradition and belief that they were

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Decended from Indians is wide spread and often mentioned and no acquainted with them who has seen Choctaw Indians doubts this Indian origin. In their personal appearances features and Complexions they resemble Choctaw Indians. In some of them the resemblance is strongly marked. The Father of Witness died a few years ago (1877) at the age of ninety years. and Witness has heard him and other old persons speak of the tradition that the Spring family were of Indian descent. In fact it was never doubted in this Country. The Spring family referred to above is the one of which Angus Adalaska Spring is a member. Witness was well acquainted with Wm Spring deceased grand father of said Angus Adalaska Spring and knows that the remnant of Choctaw Indians in this Country lived on the land of said Wm Spring. were often at his house and between said Springs and said Indians there always existed and still exist

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a close intimacy and friendship which grew out of the fact that the Indians regarded the Spings as fellow Indians. Witness says that he has no interest in the matter or purpose for which this testimony is taken

Sworn to & subscribed  
before me this 30  
January A.D. 1883.

D. G. Vernon  
Clerk.

Bolivar Edwards



D. A. Vernon being duly sworn says that he is well acquainted with the Spring family and has known them all his life having been raised within a few miles of them and has associated with them all his life. Witness has often been told by his parents and others that the Springs were of Choctaw Indian origin. The general belief throughout the County was that they were descendants from the Choctaw Indians <sup>and</sup> any one acquainted with them who has seen Choctaw Indians could not doubt their Indian origin. In their personal appearance features and complexion they resemble Choctaw Indians. In some of them the resemblance to Choctaw Indians is strongly marked. The Spring family mentioned above is the one of which Angus Adalaska Spring is a member. Witness was intimately acquainted with Wm Spring deed Grand father of Angus Adalaska Spring knew him all my life up to the time of his death and knows that Indians camped and lived on his Wm Spring's

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land ever since I can remember  
Witness is thirty eight years of age

sworn to & subscribed } D. P. Vernon  
before me this Feby. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
A. D. 1883.

Jas M. Thompson  
Judge 18<sup>th</sup> Jud. Dist. of La

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State of Louisiana Parish of Tangipahoa

I hereby certify that all of the foregoing witnesses are personally known to me as persons of veracity that R. A. Tamm is Clerk of the 8th Judicial Court for the State of Louisiana Parish of Tangipahoa. that I have known the family of Springs of which Angus Salska Spring is a member for over thirty years and always heard that ~~Springs~~ family had Indian blood in their veins and the personal assurance of many members of the family shows their Indian origin. The fact of their recent or Indian ancestors has never been disputed to my knowledge

Feby. 3rd 1883.

Jas W. Thompson  
Notary Public  
Dist. of La

State of Louisiana  
Parish of Tangipahoa

Before me a Notary Public in and for the State and Parish

above said duly commissioned and sworn as such. Came and appeared John Wiley a citizen of Tangipahoa Parish who deposes that he is eighty one years of age and has known the ancestor of Angus Adalaska, spring from childhood. That the great grandfather of Angus Adalaska spring from was named Henry Franklin and was a dark skin man and was known as and generally connected to a part Indian. His nature was of so marked a character that during Master Musters a prejudice prevailed among the whites to so great an extent as to their refusing to muster with him. And I was raised with the grand daughter (Mary Spring) of Angus Adalaska spring she being a daughter of Henry Franklin and have heard her often speak of her people. She was of a very



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dark complexion and her hair and features denoted Indian origin. He further says he knew John Spring the great grand father of Angus Adalaska Spring. He was dark skinned black straight hair high cheek bones hollow faced and was always considered of Indian origin. I have known him when under the influence of whiskey call himself Big Long - it was his common remark when drunk. He says he was raised with William Spring the grand father of Angus Adalaska Spring. He had the same features complexion & general marks of his father and his home was always the rendezvous of the Choctaw Indians and always remained on or about his place up to his death & in fact some are even now in the neighborhood. The Indians always were protected & supported by him and they were always acknowledged as being of the same tribe. He says from his general knowledge of the family and their marked Indian features & complexion and their association with the Choctaw Indians he is satisfied that they were of Indian origin. He further says he has no interest in making this

18. this testimony & apt to establish  
and old tradition which has  
always prevailed that the springs  
were of Indian descent on  
both Maternal and paternal side

Sworn and subscribed } John <sup>his</sup> Miley  
to before me and } marks.  
This the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
February 1883.

J. P. Wall Not. Pub.

State of Louisiana  
 Parish of Tangipahoa } Before me J.P. Mill  
 A Notary Public  
 In and for <sup>the</sup> Parish  
 and State afore said duly commissioned  
 and sworn as such. Came and  
 appeared Harriett Bookter a Citizen  
 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, who  
 says she is about seven and four  
 years of age and has known  
 the ancestors of Angus Adalaska  
 Spring from Childhood. That the  
 great great grand Mother of Angus  
 Adalaska Spring was named  
 Nina Morris & was of a dark  
 red Indian color & was  
 called a Choctaw Indian. She  
 was the Mother of Henry Franklin  
 the great grand Father of Angus  
 Adalaska Spring who was dark  
 skinned and had hair and features of  
 an Indian and always called of  
 Choctaw Indian decent. She  
 also knew Mary Spring the grand  
 Mother of Angus Adalaska Spring.  
 She was the daughter of Henry Frank-  
 lin and had the same Indian  
 features as her Parents. She also  
 knew John Spring great grand

Father of Angus Adalast - Spring  
 he was a dark skinned & had Indian  
 features and looked very much  
 like an Indian. William Spring  
 a son of John Spring & grand  
 father of Angus Adalast  
 Spring had similar features and always  
 said and acknowledged he was of  
 Choctaw origin. and always had a  
 gang of Indians at his home  
 and always supported them and  
 always acknowledged to be a descendant  
 of this Tribe. And from her general  
 knowledge and having been raised  
 with the family. she has no doubt of  
 their being of Choctaw Indian  
 decent

Sworn & Subscribed } <sup>her</sup> Harnett & Bookter  
 before me on the } marks  
 the 5<sup>th</sup> day Feb. 1881  
 J. B. Wall

Notary Public

State of Louisiana  
 Parish of Tangipahoa

Clerk of Records Office  
 I, Victor Gastain the duly qualified Deputy Clerk  
 in & for Tangipahoa Parish La. do hereby certify  
 that J. B. Wall whose signature appears to the within  
 & foregoing Testimony was at the signing of the  
 same a duly qualified Notary Public in & for  
 the Parish of Tangipahoa. and that ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> signature  
 thereto is genuine & correct and that full faith  
 and credit ought & must be given all his acts  
 as such

In faith whereof I grant my official hand  
 & Seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1881

V. Gastain  
 Dy. Clerk.



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George H Spring being sworn says  
I am 57 years of age and a  
brother of H. F. Spring and John  
S. Spring and after reading their tes-  
timony in regard to our parents  
being of Indian Origin without  
repeating their words and to ab-  
breviate my testimony which is  
the same in substantially as theirs  
and in addition will say that I  
remember both of my grand  
fathers and one of my grand  
mothers and that were of dark  
complexion and one of them  
Grandfather Spring spoke broken  
in many words. They came from  
the Carolinas to this state I think  
in about 1822 my Grandfather  
Franklin removed to Rankin County  
Miss. about the year 1827. or 28.  
as I have been told to what was  
called the purchase as that portion  
of the State had been purchased of  
the Choctaw Indians.

In 1840 when I was a boy of 14 years  
old I was at my Grandfather Frank-  
lin and stayed some two months on a  
visit, while there there was a great many

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Indians camped on his place, my two  
Uncles James and Hittor Franklin shot  
it. Choctaw language and also we are  
two of my aunts to some extent. I have  
heard our Grandfather the Franklin was  
one of the heirs to a large extent of territory  
lying in Buncombe County and some other  
places in North Carolina and one or two  
families in South Carolina being on the  
State line and partly in both States.

I do not now remember the cession  
mentioned, it was a donation made by  
the United States to the Indians, some  
of the Franklin heirs were urged to  
proceed and prosecute their claim about  
the year 1853, I was told but finally  
abandoned it owing to the expense.

Indian names have been retained  
in our family, I have one sister named Miss  
Tocahuntas. The Indians that lived on my father's  
place after his death moved on my place  
I gave them, and they now live on my place.

Our forefathers way and other since our family  
is tantalized as being part Indian origin by  
particular families with our origin which we  
never denied or tried disproved on the con-  
trary we result in our blood.

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1883

V Castaing  
Jr Clerk.

G. H. Spring

Seal

George Pearce being sworn sage  
 I am about 40 years of age I was born  
 and raised on William Springs place  
 in this Parish, I am a full blood Choctaw.  
 I am well acquainted with  
 William Springs and other of his  
 descendants. Springs lived on his place  
 till his death in 1876 after which  
 a. Springs gave me land and I now  
 live on his place. I know that the  
 Indians always lived on William  
 Springs place and that there always  
 seemed to be a strong attachment between  
 him and the Indians for which cause  
 I have always understood that the  
 Springs family was half Indian and  
 which fact they have denied. I have  
 always understood that they were mixed  
 with Indians they have a strong resem-  
 blance to the Indians in fact some  
 members of the family are very dark  
 with black hair and eyes. I never have  
 seen any of the family but what had  
 black eyes even the Grand and Great  
 Grand Children. When we had our  
 dances the family always attended and  
 some of the younger ones took part in  
 the dances, sometimes he furnished

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us with some persons such as  
 Buf. Park and others for the occasion of  
 the dances which sometimes lasted  
 a week. I have often heard people  
 say Spring family was kin to the  
 Park. I know that they always  
 assisted the Indians if they got into  
 any trouble.

... to ...  
 ... before me  
 ... 1805  
 ...  
 ...

George x Isaac  
 mark







Deputy Clerk in my office is authorized  
 by law to administer oaths and that his  
 signature as it appears in connection  
 with the said testimony is genuine. That  
 George Thorne and George Deane (the  
 latter full blood Indian) are credible  
 witnesses. I further certify that James  
 M. Thompson a white man and  
 authentic is given above on page (18)  
 right of the witnesses in the duly qual-  
 ified and presiding Judge of the 18th  
 Federal District Court of Louisiana  
 that a copy of how Thorne is embodied  
 in said exhibit: that said court is a court  
 of record in a case, the same being also  
 the state seal and that the signature of  
 said Judge James M. Thompson as affixed  
 to said exhibit is genuine.  
 In faith whereof I have hereunto affixed  
 my official signature on this the 15th  
 day of February A.D. 1883  
 J. H. Terrell  
 Clerk.

18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

Parish of St Tammany

State of Louisiana

Personally Came and appeared  
before me Wm C Morgan  
Clerk of the aforesaid Court  
Eliza Jackson who being duly  
sworn Testifies and says  
that she is a Choctaw about  
80 years of age was born in  
the State of Mississippi and  
removed to the State of Louisiana  
when a girl. She was raised  
up with Henry and Betty  
Franklin they were Brothers and  
sister and one quarter Choctaw  
Their father was a Choctaw  
named Thomas Jefferson  
Franklin. I know Betsey  
Franklin married, Has children  
and one named Louisa. Henry  
Franklin also married and had  
children. Among them one named  
Mary who married a man  
named William Spring.  
Since coming from Mississippi  
I have always lived in the Parish  
of Tangipahoa and St Tammany

And the immediate neighborhood  
of the home of William Spring  
and his Descendants

Elija <sup>hus</sup> ~~factu~~  
~~more~~

Sworn to and Subscribed to  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October AD 1887

~~Seal~~  
B. Chealy

Wm. C. Morgan  
Clerk

This is to certify that the  
foregoing is a true and correct  
copy from the original  
Affidavit of Elija ~~factu~~  
in behalf of W. A. Spring  
for Citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation now on file in the  
office of National Secretary  
at Tuskegee House  
the Capital of the Choctaw  
Nation

Witness my hand and  
the Great Seal of the Choctaw  
Nation this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 1896

~~Seal~~

J. B. Jackson  
National Secretary  
Choctaw Nation



Jackson Jim being duly  
 sworn testifies and says  
 my name is Jackson  
 Jim I am a Choctaw I  
 am 47 years of age I  
 was born in Madisonville  
 of many Parish  
 of the State of Louisiana  
 have always lived in  
 said Parish and State  
 I have known the family  
 of Wm. Spring all my  
 life and know that they  
 have Choctaw blood in  
 them have always associated  
 from boyhood with the  
 children of Wm. Spring  
 Jackson <sup>this</sup> Jim  
 my H

Sworn to and subscribed to  
 before me this 6<sup>th</sup> October  
 1884

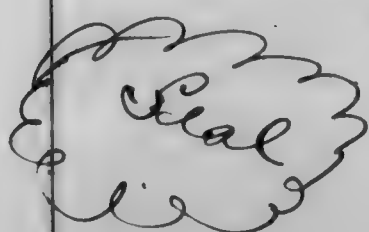
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Wm. Morgan  
 Clerk

This is to certify the  
 foregoing is a true and  
 correct copy from the

Original Affidavit  
 of Jackson Grim in  
 behalf of A. A. Spring for  
 Citizenship in the Choctaw  
 Nation. now on file in the  
 Office of National Secretary  
 at Washita House the  
 Capitol of the Choctaw Nation

Witness my hand and  
 the Great Seal of the Choctaw  
 Nation this the 19<sup>th</sup> day  
 of August A.D. 1896



J. B. Jackson  
 National Secretary  
 Choctaw Nation

The State of Texas  
County of Montague & Texas, appeared  
before, H. B. Mattox a Notary Public in  
and for Montague County Texas  
James C. Pool a resident of the city of Helena  
Montague County Texas who after being by  
his duly sworn deposes and says that  
he was born and raised in Washington  
Parish Louisiana and has ever lived in  
said Parish and that he is now at  
Helena, Montana where he has been for  
several years and has moved to the County  
of Montague State of Texas and has resided  
in said County since then. He has known the  
Spring family from childhood was well  
acquainted with William Spring and  
wife who are the grand father and grand  
mother of Angus Alaska Spring and  
also of David Hester Spring who is now  
the wife of Ed Hester and the mother of  
one child namely Midge age two years two months  
of May 1886.

Said William Spring and wife are the  
Parents of Henry George John Perry James  
Galmarie Spring and John Spring one of  
the sons of William Spring and wife is  
the father of Angus Alaska Spring and  
James C. Spring one other son of

William Spring and wife ... Spring  
is the father of Maud Hellen Spring  
now the wife of Esq. Mather now residing  
at Caddo Indian Territory.

Affiant and James Spring  
went to school together at Franklinton  
Louisiana in the years 1858-1859 and 1860  
The Spring family was recognized and  
often called mixed blood by the people.  
Many people in Louisiana in those days  
looked upon a man who had Indian blood  
in him as inferior and of a lower class of  
people than that of the whites and it had  
often been seen Jerry and James Spring mistreat-  
ed by the whites on account of their being  
partly of Indian blood. Jerry Spring  
showed the Indian blood much more than  
any of the other brothers. His father William  
Spring in speaking of him often called  
him his Indian. He was called by many  
of the scholars who attended school with  
us Indian Jerry. He was about six feet two  
inches high very dark complexion high  
cheek bones long black straight hair small  
black eyes and could not see and hear any  
man I ever saw that I ever noticed in  
this respect. I was also well acquainted with



with William Franklin he lived in  
 what was called the Purchase, in the State of  
 Mississippi who is a brother of mine Spring  
 wife of William Spring who is his Grand  
 father of Parents of said Angus Adair. Spring  
 and of Mary Helen Spring wife of Ed. H. H. H.  
 I have often heard him speak of his  
 Indian Blood and say he did not consider  
 it of any disgrace to be of Indian Blood and  
 considered himself as good as any body  
 The Spring family was always kind to the  
 Indians and was ever ready apparently  
 to assist them. I once knew of some  
 trouble between some of the Indians in  
 Louisiana, and some of the Whites in  
 which the Spring family took sides  
 with the Indians. They were Choctaw  
 Indians

J. O. Pool

sworn and subscribed to

before me this Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1896

) R. B. Maitor  
 Notary Public in and for  
 Montague County, Texas

The State of New York  
 County of Montague  
 J. L. Newman Clerk of  
 the County Court of said County  
 (Which is a Court of record)  
 Do hereby Certify that  
 J. B. Mattox is a Notary Public  
 in and for said County  
 duly commissioned and sworn  
 and authorized by Law to  
 administer Oaths and Take  
 Acknowledgments of Instruments  
 and full faith and credit are  
 due to all his Official acts and  
 that his term of office began  
 on the 1st day of June 1875  
 and will end on the 31st day of May 1877

The Witness Whereof  
 I have hereunto set my hand and  
 affixed the Seal of the said County  
 Court at my Office in Montague  
 this 18th day of August A.D. 1876

J. L. Newman  
 Clerk of County Court Montague County

By W. C. Newman Deputy



The State of Texas } Before me R. J. Tomlinson, Clerk of  
 County of Cooke } the County of Cooke County, Texas.  
 on this day personally appeared J. J. Litty who being by me duly  
 sworn on oath says, that he is a native of the State of Louisiana  
 and resident there in the city of New Orleans and in the Parish  
 of Tangipahoa about 8 1/2 to 11 miles from the city of Amite and  
 left of same until the month of May in the year 1877 when  
 he emigrated to Gainesville in Cooke County State of Texas  
 residing in said city, or Gainesville on or about the  
 11th day of May A.D. 1887. That he has resided in said city of  
 Gainesville continuously ever since except a short time from October 1st  
 1877 to September 1st 1878 when he lived in the city of Baytown  
 in Baytown County Texas. That in November 1880 he was  
 elected by the people of Cooke County to serve as Clerk of  
 the District Court of said County and has been reelected  
 to said office seven consecutive terms and is now  
 serving his sixteenth year as such Clerk.  
 That he is acquainted with the county and with its location  
 in the Parish of Tangipahoa in the State of Louisiana  
 having married in said Parish in March 1867 shortly  
 before which time he became acquainted with the family  
 of William Spring through the lady whom he  
 married and whose sister afterwards married James T. Spring  
 a son of the said William Spring.  
 That he moved to the Parish of Tangipahoa and lived there  
 and within a mile of the residence of the said  
 William Spring from about 1868 to 1874 and about  
 4 miles from there at Amite City, on the railroad

until 1877 when he removed to Texas.

That during his residence in that country he became and was very intimate with the Spring family, that he visited them frequently and frequently stopped and talked with the old man William Spring who was the apparently about 60 years of age.

The family of the said William Spring consisted of six boys and three girls - George Spring - Jery Spring - John Spring - James L. Spring - Gilmore Spring and Henry Spring - Sallie Spring - Bettie Spring ~~and~~ Alice Spring.

Little John was bad - once began to live in that country and Miss Sallie had her child Frank Hasner who having married a man in the Covington country by the name of Hasner who it was reported had married her because she was pretty but sadly neglected her it was said because of her Indian blood.

The Indian blood in the Spring family and in consequence thereof the Indian characteristics - Puddiness was notations in that country. While every body treated them kindly &c yet there was no congeniality between them and the white neighbors. There was a remarkable shrinking and bashfulness and embarrassment on our part in the presence of the neighbors. It was well known and commonly talked about this Indian blood in their family.

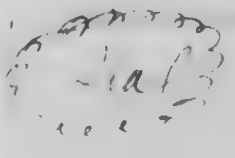
Mr William Spring was the champion Paton and



38  
Friend of the Troublesome Indians of that section  
of country they were shootaws - I think there was  
also a part of the same tribe at one time on the  
edge of Lake Umbagog known as coverington -  
The Spring granted to the Indians a lot of land which  
was used by them as a camp I have passed through the  
camp often and I have heard their lamentations on death  
of a member of their Band, and their dancing and  
singing when days of Mourning was over  
Each member of the Spring family bore the features of the  
Indian and though what white blood they had the Indian  
features predominated, Smithy complexion - black eyes -  
long straight black hair, Each in natural disposition  
and traits of character Resemble the Indian  
James L Spring - one of the sons of William Spring  
and his wife Mary Spring married Corelia Bunch  
who was the sister of my first wife and there was to  
them only one child, a girl Maud Helen Spring  
who is now the wife of Ed. Mattox and who are now  
residing at Caddo in the Indian Territory and has had  
born into her one child a girl name Madge age  
now about two and half years

John Spring also a son of William Spring  
and Mary Spring as said and a brother of James L Spring  
is the father of Angus Adalaska Spring and these  
two as well as each member of said family I have  
known personally and intimately since 1867.

J. C. Lilly

Sworn and subscribed to before  
me this August 11th 1896  
 W. J. Thompson  
County Clerk  
Cooke County  
Texas

the State of Texas } J. P. Hall, Judge of the  
County of Cooke } County Court of said county  
(which is a Court of record) do hereby certify that  
W. J. Thompson, whose name is subscribed to the  
annexed and foregoing instrument was at the date of the  
same and is now a clerk of the County Court  
in and for said county duly commissioned and qualified  
and authorized by Law to administer Oaths and take  
acknowledgments of instruments, and full faith  
and credit as due to all his official acts as such,  
and I do further certify that the signature attached  
to the annexed instrument is his proper signature,  
and is genuine.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed the Seal of the said County Court  
at my office in Gainesville

This 11th day of August A.D. 1896  
J. P. Hall Judge  
of the County Court of Cooke County Texas

Office of COLLECTOR OF PERMITS,  
*Pickens* County, C. N.  
 889  
 R. L. Cradock  
 has complied with the late permit law and is registered accordingly  
 as being in the employ of *A. B. Spring*  
 for *12* months from *Jan 1* 1891  
*H. H. McLane*  
 Permit Collector

Office of COLLECTOR OF PERMITS,  
*Pickens* County, C. N.  
 887  
 THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT *John Neely*  
 has complied with the late Permit Law and is registered accordingly  
 as being in the employ of *W. H. Spring*  
 for *12* months from *January 1* 1891  
*Farmer*  
 H. H. McLANE,  
 HEAD PERMIT COLLECTOR,  
 Pickens County,  
 Chickasaw Nation.

No. 71 Office of Book No.  
*Dickens* COLLECTOR OF PERMITS.  
 COUNTY, CHICKASAW NATION.  
 THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT *J. H. Nealey*  
 Has complied with the requirements of the law and is hereby  
 as an underemployed of the Spring 12 months  
 from 1/1/1894  
 \$600.00 *farmer*  
 PERMIT COLLECTOR.  
 COUNTY, C. N.

No. 4437 Office of BOOK NO.  
*Dickens* COLLECTOR OF PERMITS.  
 COUNTY, CHICKASAW NATION.  
 THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT *J. H. Nealey*  
 Has complied with the requirements of the law and is hereby  
 as an underemployed of the Spring 12 months  
 from January 1st 1893 *B. Carter*  
 \$600.00 *farmer*  
 PERMIT COLLECTOR  
*Dickens* COUNTY, C. N.



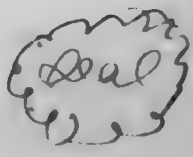
Office of National Secretary  
Choctaw Nation

A to be Just the 13<sup>th</sup> April 1889  
To all whom it may concern

This is to Certify that the  
Claim of A. D. [unclear] to  
Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation  
is on file in this office and  
that no action has been  
taken by the General Council  
in regard to said claim  
and that it will be again  
presented at the next regular  
session of the Council

Witness my hand and  
the Seal of the Choctaw Nation  
this the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of April  
A.D. 1889

A. Telle  
Nat Secretary  
C.N.



Wash. D. C.  
Cherokee Nation

This is to certify that  
A. A. Spring applied for  
Citizenship in the Nation  
appeared before the Committee  
on Citizenship at the  
Regular Session of the General  
Council of the Cherokee Nation  
1891 and produced evidence  
before said Committee  
showing by what right  
he claimed Citizenship.  
The Committee not  
having all the evidence  
before it therefore put the  
case for future

consideration at the next  
General Council

W. H. Harrison  
Chairman of Committee  
on Citizenship

Executive Office  
Choctaw Nation  
January 2, 1892

This is to Certify that the records show that A. D. Spring an applicant for Citizenship in the Nation appeared before the Citizenship Committee at its regular 1891 session of the General Council and presented evidence in his behalf which while presumptive was deemed not quite sufficient for admitting him to Citizenship. George Adams a full blood Choctaw of Louisiana being the Principal witness.

The case was continued until the next General Council at which time corroborative evidence will be produced.

Witness my hand and seal of Office this the day and date above  
W. H. Jones  
P. C. N.

Recd

a. Velle  
to

State of Texas }  
County of Montague } Personally  
Appeared before me R. B. Mattor  
a Notary Public in and for said  
County and State. August  
Adalaska Spring who after  
being by me duly sworn says  
in Oath that ~~Francis~~ Isaac  
and Eliza Jacob Choctaw Indians  
whose Affidavits are hereto  
attached as testimony are now  
Dead and John Wiley <sup>George Spring</sup>  
Harriet Brooks whose testimony  
is also hereto attached is also  
Dead. That Jackson Jim  
whose testimony is hereto attached  
is a full blood Choctaw Indian  
and resides in the State of Louisiana  
That Henry F. Spring John  
F. Spring Boliver Edwards  
J. A. Vernon J. M. Thompson  
G. B. Spring George Isaac  
are all residents of the  
State of Louisiana and J.  
F. Lily whose testimony is  
hereto attached is a resident  
of Gainesville Texas  
Signed } August Adalaska Spring



Sworn and subscribed to  
This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1896  
R. B. Mattox  
Notary Public in  
and for Montague County Texas

Choctaw Nation }  
Indian Territory } Personally  
Appeared before me A. Tell  
who after being by me duly  
sworn says. On oath. My name  
is A Tell. I am 37 years old  
I reside in Atoka Indian  
Territory I am a full Blood  
Choctaw Indian. I have  
filled several Official Positions  
in the Choctaw Nation  
I was National Secretary  
of the Choctaw Nation for 3  
years. and as such became  
familiar with all the Citiz-  
ship Cases filed. I am personally  
acquainted with George Isaacs  
I examined him as a witness  
in the Case of A. A. Spring  
for Citizenship in the Choctaw  
Nation before the Choctaw  
Citizenship Committee and he  
George Isaacs. is a full Blood  
Choctaw Indian. and speaks  
the English Language very badly  
and Broken and is uneducated  
Could not sign. his name had to  
make his marks. when signing his

name. he lives in Tangipahoa  
Parish Louisiana so he testifies  
I am satisfied from his evidence  
that there is no doubt as to  
A.G. Spring being an Indian Choctaw  
Indian

A Telle

sworn and subscribed in before  
me this the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of Sept-  
A.D. 1896

J. H. Chambers.  
N. P.

seal.

A A Spring

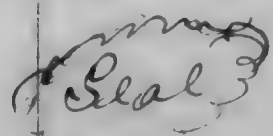
The State of Texas  
County of Montague & Personally  
Appeared before me R. B.  
Mattox a Notary Public in and  
for Montague County Texas  
James L. Franklin who after  
being by me duly sworn says  
an Oath That he is (73) Seven<sup>ty</sup> three  
Years of Age and a resident of  
Tarrant County Texas and that  
he is intimately acquainted with  
the Spring and Franklin Families  
and has been all his life, That  
Mina Morris a full Blood  
Choctaw Indian woman married  
Thomas Jefferson Franklin who  
was a white man with  $\frac{1}{4}$  Indian  
Blood in him and that they had  
(12) Twelve Children One of which  
was named Henry Franklin  
and he married a white woman  
named Sarah McGuire and  
they had children one of which  
was a girl named Mary and  
she married a white man named  
William Spring and he had  
one Quarter Choctaw Indian  
Blood in him.



And William Spring and his  
wife Mary had several children  
One of which is named John  
J. Spring, and he married a  
white woman and John J.  
Spring and wife are the parents <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~  
father and mother of Angene  
Adalastine Spring who is an  
Applicant for Citizenship  
before the Dawes Commission. In  
the Choctaw Nation and Tribe.

D. L. Franklin

Sworn and Subscribed to before  
me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1896

 Seal

R. B. Mattox

Notary Public in and  
for Montague County Texas

Affiant of Witness  
State of Louisiana  
County of St. Tammany }

Be it remembered that  
I, J. S. Spring, and Or-Officer, State  
Notary in and for the Parish  
and State aforesaid, personally  
interviewed Jackson Jim who  
states that he is fifty-seven  
years of age and a citizen  
of St. Tammany Parish and  
State of Louisiana and that  
he is a full blood Choctaw  
Indian and is personally ac-  
quainted with John S. Spring  
who is an applicant for citizen-  
ship in the Choctaw Nation  
and affiant further states  
that the said J. S. Spring is  
the identical person represents  
himself to be in his application  
for citizenship in said Nation  
and that said J. S. Spring  
is a descendant of Minnie  
Morris who was a full blood  
Choctaw Indian  
Affiant further states that he

we know the said John Spring  
in the past 25 years and know  
that John Spring has been re-  
cognized and treated by his neigh-  
bors, acquaintances and the  
public generally as a person  
known Choctaw Indian  
blood and his complexion and  
physical appearance of the  
said John Spring is of the  
Indian blood that from  
the above facts and circumstances  
and from statements  
made by the said John Spring  
Affiant further states  
that he has every reason to be-  
lieve and does believe and  
know that the said John Spring  
is of Choctaw Indian blood  
and says that he knew  
Spring's mother and grand-  
mother to be Choctaw Indians  
Affiant further states that he  
has no interest whatever in the  
prosecution of the claim of the said  
John Spring to the citizen-  
ship in the nation of the U. S.

Jackson <sup>his</sup> & J. M. <sup>mark</sup>

Witnesses

J. J. Cusache

A. B. Derrett

subscribed, and sworn to before  
me this nineteenth day, 19<sup>th</sup> day  
of August A. D. 1896 and I  
further certify that I am  
well acquainted with the  
said Jackson Jim and know  
him to be a person of credi-  
-bility and of truth  
and veracity

H. R. Warren.

Clerk and Ex-officio  
Notary Public

I hereby certify that H. R.  
Warren is the Clerk of the 16<sup>th</sup>  
Judicial District Court of the  
Parish of St. Tammany and  
that the same is a court of  
record and that the same  
is a court of record and that  
the signatures of the H. R. Warren  
Clerk of said Court that his  
attestation is in due form of  
law and entitled to full  
faith and credit as such

Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1896

Robt. R. Reid

Judge of 16<sup>th</sup> Jud. Dist. of La.



Affidavit  
~~Application of~~ Petitioner  
State of Louisiana  
Parish of St. Tammany

Before me the undersigned Clerk of  
Court and Ex-Officio Notary Public in  
and for the Parish and State aforesaid  
personally appeared Billy  
Petitioner.

Who after being sworn duly  
sworn states that he is thirty-five  
(35) years of age and a citizen of  
St. Tammany Parish and State  
of Louisiana and that he is a full  
blood Choctaw Indian and is  
personally acquainted with  
John S. Spring, who is an ap-  
plicant for citizenship in the  
Choctaw Nation N. C. and affiant  
further states that the said John  
S. Spring is the identical person  
represents him self to be in his  
application for citizenship  
in said Nation and that  
said John S. Spring is a de-  
scendant of Minna Morris who  
was a full blood Choctaw  
Indian.

Affiant further states that he

has known the said John S. Spring for  
the past 30 years and knows that John  
S. Spring has been recognized and treated  
by his neighbors, acquaintances and the  
public generally as a person having  
Cherokee Indian blood and  
that the complexion and physical  
appearance of the said John S. Spring  
is of Indian blood. That the  
above facts and circumstances and  
from statements made to me by the  
said John S. Spring affiant states  
that he has every reason to believe  
and does believe and know that  
the said John S. Spring is of Cherokee  
Indian blood and says that  
he knew Spring's mother and Grand  
mother to be Cherokee Indians.  
Affiant further states that he  
has no interest whatever in  
the prosecution of the claim  
of the claim of the said John  
S. Spring to citizenship in  
the Nation of J. P. his  
Billey & Astate

witness

H. A. Berreth.

J. J. Cussachis.

Spal

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this nineteenth day of  
August 1890. I do hereby  
further certify that I am  
well acquainted with the  
said Billy Astall  
and know him to be  
a person of education and  
truth and veracity.  
J. P. Warren  
Clerk and Notary Public  
Montague County Texas

The State of Texas.  
County of Montague. J. P. Warren  
Notary Public  
In and for Montague County Texas  
do hereby certify that the foregoing  
testimony of Jackson and  
Billy Astall is a true and  
correct copy of the original  
affidavit and testimony now in  
the records of the case of John  
Spring who is the father of  
Angus Adalaska Spring for  
Citizenship. In the Cherokee  
Nation Indian Territory  
R. B. Waller  
Notary Public and Clerk  
Montague County Texas

Copy  
H. H. Spring

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Indian Territory }  
Chickasaw Nation } Personally appeared  
before me a notary public  
in and for the Southern District  
Indian Territory. H. J. Pool, who  
after being by me duly sworn  
and say on oath  
that I am acquainted with  
Angus Adalaska Spring and  
his ancestors and have been  
for many years and I know  
that his ancestors were of a  
cross between the whites and  
Indians. I am acquainted  
with his mother she is a white  
woman and of the Cooper family  
a highly respectable white family  
and his father John S. Spring  
who is a cross between the  
white and Indian race of  
people

H. J. Pool.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
a notary public in & for the Southern  
District Indian Territory on this  
the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1896  
D. F. Redding Notary Public  
S. D. I. T.

seal

**End**

G.B. Spring

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G.B. Spring

Spring, G. B.,  
Spring, L. G.,  
Spring, E. T.,  
Spring, O. P.,  
Spring, R. P.,  
Spring, N. L.,  
Spring, H. N.,  
Russell, Wm. P.,  
Russell, Jocie E.,  
Russell, Gay L.,  
Russell, John W.,  
Russell, Earl E.,  
Russell, Frank K.,  
Russell, Ray,  
Russell, Emma,  
Vernon, Mary V.,  
Vernon, F. E.,  
Vernon, B. F.,  
Vernon, C. S.,  
Vernon, L. S.,  
Vernon, O. E.,



# Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable National Council of *The Choctaw* Nation, Indian Territory:

GENTLEMEN:--The undersigned, your petitioner, this day makes this *his* Application for Citizenship in the *Choctaw* Nation, in the Indian Territory, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of said Nation, and respectfully makes the following statement of the grounds of this *his* Application, to wit:

That *Petitioner* is the *great grand Son* of one *Thomas Franklin* who the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging to said tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for this *his* Application for *Choctaw* Citizenship by blood, and respectfully awaits the time when *his* said Application shall be truly heard and tried. Respectfully submitted.

Age *fifty* years, Postoffice *Amite City, La*  
Family, with their relationship attached, is as follows:

| NO. | NAMES.            | SEX.          | AGE.      | RELATIONSHIP.               |
|-----|-------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| 1   | <i>G B Spring</i> | <i>Male</i>   | <i>50</i> | <i>Husband &amp; Father</i> |
| 2   | <i>L G Spring</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>39</i> | <i>Wife &amp; Mother</i>    |
| 3   | <i>E J Spring</i> | <i>Male</i>   | <i>20</i> | <i>Son</i>                  |
| 4   | <i>O P Spring</i> | <i>Male</i>   | <i>18</i> | <i>Son</i>                  |
| 5   | <i>R P Spring</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>16</i> | <i>Daughter</i>             |
| 6   | <i>N L Spring</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>Daughter</i>             |
| 7   | <i>H W Spring</i> | <i>Male</i>   | <i>8</i>  | <i>Son</i>                  |

In witness of which Application, I hereunto set my hand, on this the *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 189*6*

*G B Spring*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this *21* day of *August* A.D., 189*6*  
*M. W. McLendon*  
*Not Pub*

## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

**State of Louisiana,**

County of Waukegan

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state  
aforesaid, personally appeared John W. H. H., who  
after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 40 years of age, and a  
citizen of Tangipahoa county and state of Louisiana and that he is per-  
sonally acquainted with J. B. Spring who is an applicant  
for citizenship in the United States Nation, I. T., and affiant further states  
that the said J. B. Spring is the identical person  
represents himself to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation

and that the said L.B. Spring is a white man  
 I said Pugh relate in manner and was  
 a negro himself affiant further states that said  
 said Spring is the great grand son of Thomas Franklin  
 who to the best of affiant's knowledge was a  
 native of that portion of Mississippi purchased  
 heretofore by the United States from the Choctaw  
 tribe of Indians and thereafter known as the Choctaw Purchase  
 of which tribe said Franklin was a member  
 Affiant further states that He has known the said L.B. Spring

personally for the past 40 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said G.B. Spring indicate that the said G.B. Spring is of

Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said L.B. Spruig Affiant states that the said L.B. Spruig is of Native Indian blood.

Affiant further states that J. B. Sprague has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Chocla to citizenship in the Chocla Nation, I. T.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of May 1896;  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said John Wood  
and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

*W. H. McQueen* Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 23 day of July 1897.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.**

State of Louisiana,

County of Tangipahoa } ss

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared Robert Edwards, who after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 37 years of age, and a citizen of Tangipahoa county and state of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with G. B. Spring who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said G. B. Spring is the identical person he represents himself to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation,

and that the said G. B. Spring is of the tribe of Tangipahoa state of La. that he is a man with a large family affiant further states that aid G. B. Spring is the great grand son of Thomas J. Franklin who an affiant has always understood was a native of that part of Mississippi acquired by the United States from the Choctaw tribe of Indians and heretofore known as the Choctaw tribe he will and being a member of said tribe

Affiant further states that he has known the said G. B. Spring personally for the past 40 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said G. B. Spring indicate that the said G. B. Spring is of

Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said G. B. Spring Affiant states that the said G. B. Spring is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said G. B. Spring to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

Robert Edwards

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of May 1896;  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Robert Edwards and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

W. H. McClintock Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 23 day of May 1897



# Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable National Council of *The Choctaw* Nation, Indian Territory:

GENTLEMEN:--The undersigned, your petitioner, this day makes this *his* Application for Citizenship in the *Choctaw* Nation, in the Indian Territory, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of said Nation, and respectfully makes the following statement of the grounds of this Application, to wit:

That *Your Petitioner* is the *great great grand son* of one *Thomas J. Franklin* who the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging to said tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for this *his* Application for *Choctaw* Citizenship by blood, and respectfully awaits the time when Application shall be truly heard and tried. Respectfully submitted.

Age *36* years, Postoffice *Arcola La.*

Family, with their relationship attached, is as follows:

| NO. | NAMES.                  | SEX.          | AGE.      | RELATIONSHIP.                         |
|-----|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 1   | <i>Wm P. Russell</i>    | <i>man</i>    | <i>36</i> | <i>Husband &amp; Father of Family</i> |
| 2   | <i>Jocie E. Russell</i> | <i>female</i> | <i>27</i> | <i>Wife &amp; Mother of Family</i>    |
| 3   | <i>Guy L. Russell</i>   | <i>male</i>   | <i>7</i>  | <i>son</i>                            |
| 4   | <i>John W. Russell</i>  | <i>male</i>   | <i>6</i>  | <i>son</i>                            |
| 5   | <i>Earl E. Russell</i>  | <i>male</i>   | <i>5</i>  | <i>son</i>                            |
| 6   | <i>Frank H. Russell</i> | <i>male</i>   | <i>4</i>  | <i>son</i>                            |
| 7   | <i>Ray Russell</i>      | <i>male</i>   | <i>2</i>  | <i>son</i>                            |
| 8   | <i>Emma Russell</i>     | <i>female</i> | <i>1</i>  | <i>Daughter</i>                       |

In witness of which Application, I hereunto set my hand, on this the *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 189*6*

*W. P. Russell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *August* A.D., 189*6*

*W. H. McLeod*  
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## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

State of Louisiana,

County of Tangipahoa } ss

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared John R. Wood, who after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 63 years of age, and a citizen of the Parish of Tangipahoa county and state of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with Wm. P. Russell who is an applicant for citizenship in the United States Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Wm. P. Russell is the identical person he represents himself to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said Wm. P. Russell is a resident of the Parish of Tangipahoa La. is a son of Mr. Thomas Russell who is a married man residing in said parish and that Mr. Russell is the great grand daughter of Thomas Russell who is a witness is informed and believes is a native and for a time a resident of that part of the State of Mississippi known as the Choctaw Indian "Territory" and of the Choctaw Indian Tribe. Affiant further states that he has known the said Wm. P. Russell personally for the past 20 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said Wm. P. Russell indicate that the said Wm. P. Russell is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said Wm. P. Russell Affiant states that the said Wm. P. Russell is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Wm. P. Russell to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of Aug 1896;  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said John R. Wood  
and know he to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

Wm. H. Cleander Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 20 day of Jan 1897

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W H Mc Clure Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 13 day of Jan 1897

*Application for Citizenship.*

To the Honorable National Council of *Choctaw* Nation, Indian Territory:

GENTLEMEN:--The undersigned, your petitioner, this day makes this *her* Application for Citizenship in the *Choctaw* Nation, in the Indian Territory, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of said Nation, and respectfully makes the following statement of the grounds of this

Application, to wit:

That *Petitioner* is the *Least First Grand Daughter* of one *Henry J. Trammell* who the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging to said tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for this *her* Application for *Choctaw* Citizenship by blood, and respectfully awaits the time when *her* said Application shall be truly heard and tried. Respectfully submitted.

Age *43* years, Postoffice *Amite City La*

Family, with their relationship attached, is as follows:

| NO. | NAMES.               | SEX.          | AGE.      | RELATIONSHIP.   |
|-----|----------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1   | <i>Mary N Vernon</i> | <i>female</i> | <i>43</i> | <i>mother</i>   |
| 2   | <i>P E Vernon</i>    | <i>male</i>   | <i>22</i> | <i>son</i>      |
| 3   | <i>B J Vernon</i>    | <i>female</i> | <i>19</i> | <i>Daughter</i> |
| 4   | <i>L A Vernon</i>    | <i>male</i>   | <i>14</i> | <i>son</i>      |
| 5   | <i>L S Vernon</i>    | <i>female</i> | <i>15</i> | <i>Daughter</i> |
| 6   | <i>B E Vernon</i>    | <i>female</i> | <i>13</i> | <i>Daughter</i> |

In witness of which Application, I hereunto set my hand, on this the *20* day of *August* 189*6*

*Mary V. Vernon*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *20* day of *August* A.D., 189*6*

*W. H. Cleason*  
*Not Public*



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**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.**

State of Louisiana,

County of Tangipahoa } ss

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared John A. Wood, who after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 40 years of age, and a citizen of Tangipahoa county and state of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with Mary V. Vernon who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Mary Vernon is the identical person she represents her self to be in her application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said Mary V. Vernon is a resident of the Parish of Tangipahoa La. is the mother of M. V. H. Vernon deceased and daughter of James Vernon who was born in the great grand daughter of Thomas Franklin and that said Franklin was a native of that part of Mississippi acquired from the Choctaw Indians once commonly called the Choctaw Purchase the being of the tribe of Choctaws

Affiant further states that he has known the said Mary Vernon personally for the past 20 years and knows that she is and has been recognized and treated by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said Mary Vernon indicate that the said Mary Vernon is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said Mary Vernon Affiant states that the said Mary Vernon is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Mary Vernon to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of Aug 1896;  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said John Wood and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

R. H. McClendon Notary Public.  
My commission expires on the 23 day of Jan 1897



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Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable National Council of *the Choctaw* Nation, Indian Territory:

GENTLEMEN:--The undersigned, your petitioner, this day makes this *his* Application for Citizenship in the *Choctaw* Nation, in the Indian Territory, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of said Nation, and respectfully makes the following statement of the grounds of this *his* Application, to wit:

That *Yetchover* is the *great grand son* of one *Thomas J. Franklin* who the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging to said tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for this *his* Application for *Choctaw* Citizenship by blood, and respectfully awaits the time when *his* Application shall be truly heard and tried. Respectfully submitted.

Age *67* years, Postoffice *Amite City La.*

Family, with their relationship attached, is as follows:

| NO. | NAMES.                  | SEX.          | AGE.      | RELATIONSHIP.              |
|-----|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 1   | <i>Henry F. Spring</i>  | <i>male</i>   | <i>67</i> | <i>Applicant, Husband.</i> |
| 2   | <i>H. E. Spring</i>     | <i>female</i> | <i>57</i> | <i>Wife of Applicant.</i>  |
| 3   | <i>George H. Spring</i> | <i>male</i>   | <i>21</i> | <i>son</i>                 |

In witness of which Application, I hereunto set my hand, on this the *22* day of *August* 1896.

*H. E. Spring*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *22* day of *August* A.D., 1896

*W. E. Spring*  
*16th Ind. Dist. Court of La. &c.*  
*Ex officio Notary Public*

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## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

State of Louisiana,

County of Transverse

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared John R Wood, who after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 30 years of age, and a citizen of Transverse county and state of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with Henry F Spring who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Henry F Spring is the identical person he represents him self to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said Henry F Spring is married James John Spring that he is married that James John Spring is his son born of his marriage with his wife the Spring that said James Spring is his only child living who is 21 years of age & is also married the said Henry Spring is the great grand son of Thomas Franklin who was a nation of that portion of the State of Mississippi acquired by the U.S. from the Choctaw Indians & commonly called the Choctaw purchase and Franklin being a member of said Choctaw Indian tribe Affiant further states that he has known the said Henry F Spring personally for the past 30 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as Henry Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said Henry F Spring indicate that the said Henry F Spring is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said Henry F Spring Affiant states he has every reason to believe & does believe that the said Henry F Spring is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Henry F Spring to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

John R Wood

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Aug 1896;  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said John Wood  
and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

W H McCloud Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 23 day of Jan 1897

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## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

State of Louisiana,

County of Tangipahoa }<sup>ss</sup>

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared Robert Edwards, who after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 54 years of age, and a citizen of Tangipahoa county and state of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with Henry F. Spring who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Henry F. Spring is the identical person he represents him self to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said Henry F. Spring is a resident of said parish & state that he is married that his wife's name is M. E. Spring that the only child living born of said marriage is George Henry Spring about 21 years of age also married. That said Henry F. Spring according to tradition is the great grand son of Thomas Cherokee who was a native of that part of Mississippi known as the Choctaw tribe & was a member of the Choctaw tribe. Affiant further states that he has known the said Henry F. Spring personally for the past 14 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Choctaw Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said Henry F. Spring indicate that the said Henry F. Spring is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said Henry F. Spring Affiant states that the said Henry F. Spring is of the Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said Henry F. Spring to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of Aug 1896;  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Robert Edwards and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

W. H. McCloud Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 23 day of Jan 1897

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Olive A. Spring  
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Olive A. Spring

Spring, Olive A.,  
Spring, Henry H.,  
Spring, George T.,  
Spring, Victor H.,  
Spring, Nettie O.,



## Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable National Council of *the Choctaw* Nation, Indian Territory:

GENTLEMEN:--The undersigned, your petitioner, this day makes this *her* Application for Citizenship in the *Choctaw* Nation, in the Indian Territory, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of said Nation, and respectfully makes the following statement of the grounds of this *her* Application, to wit:

That *Your Petitioner* is the *and this* *widow* of *G. K. Spring* deceased *who was the first grand son* of one *Thomas J. Franklin* who the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging to said tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for this *her* Application for *Choctaw* Citizenship by blood, and respectfully awaits the time when *her* Application shall be truly heard and tried. Respectfully submitted.

Age *59* years, Postoffice *Wink City La*

Family, with their relationship attached, is as follows:

| NO. | NAMES.                  | SEX.          | AGE.      | RELATIONSHIP.                                       |
|-----|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | <i>Oliver A. Spring</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>59</i> | <i>Wife, now widow of G. K. Spring deceased</i>     |
| 2   | <i>Henry R. Spring</i>  | <i>male</i>   | <i>38</i> | <i>Son of G. K. Spring &amp; Oliver Spring</i>      |
| 3   | <i>George T. Spring</i> | <i>male</i>   | <i>34</i> | <i>Son of G. K. Spring &amp; Oliver Spring</i>      |
| 4   | <i>Victor H. Spring</i> | <i>male</i>   | <i>22</i> | <i>Son of G. K. Spring &amp; Oliver Spring</i>      |
| 5   | <i>Nettie O. Spring</i> | <i>female</i> | <i>17</i> | <i>Daughter of G. K. Spring &amp; Oliver Spring</i> |

In witness of which Application, I hereunto set my hand, on this the

*20* day of *August* 189*6*

*Oliver A. Spring*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *20* day of *Aug* A.D., 189*6*

*J. H. McChesley*  
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County of Tangipahoa } <sup>SS</sup>

Affiant further states that he has known the said G. H. Spring personally for the past 40 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said G. H. Spring indicate that the said G. H. Spring is of

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said S.H. Spring to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

W.H. McCloud Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 23 day of July 1897



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## AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

State of Louisiana,

County of Tangipahoa

} ss

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared Bolivar Edwards, who after being by me duly sworn, states that he is 54 years of age, and a citizen of Tangipahoa county and state of Louisiana and that he is personally acquainted with Mr. Oliver A. Spruig who is an applicant for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said Oliver A. Spruig is the identical person she represents her self to be in her application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said Oliver A. Spruig is a resident of the Parish of Tangipahoa La. and is the widow of S. K. Spruig deceased who according to accepted traditions was the great grand son of Thomas Franklin of that part of Mississippi known as the Choctaw Purchase and which was acquired by the United States from the tribe of Choctaw Indians of which tribe Franklin was said to be a member

Affiant further states that he has known the said S. K. Spruig personally for the past 40 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and appearance of the said S. K. Spruig indicate that the said S. K. Spruig is of Choctaw Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to him by the said S. K. Spruig Affiant states he has every reason to believe that the said S. K. Spruig is of Choctaw Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said S. K. Spruig to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, I. T.

Bolivar Edwards

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of Aug 1896;  
And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Bolivar Edwards and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

W. H. McClelland Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 23 day of Jan 1897



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